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Poll gloom for the President

If President Reagan had to fight Senator John Glenn for the presidency today, he would lose, according to a poll published by *The Washington Post*. If he was fighting former Vice-President Walter Mondale, the result would be too close to call. Mr Reagan has yet to announce whether he will be a candidate for re-election.

Inflation hope

Costs of fuel and basic materials bought by manufacturing industry fell last month, boosting government hopes of keeping inflation below 6 per cent for the remainder of the year.

Nigeria count

As the first results of the Nigerian presidential election became known, a close race appeared to be developing between President Shagari and his main rival, Chief Awolowo.

Drone hit

Syrian anti-aircraft missile crews opened fire on a "drone", a pilotless Israeli aircraft, above Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and claimed later they had destroyed it.

Nalco dispute

Homes for the elderly, children and disabled face industrial action by residential social workers belonging to Nalco who want parity with other local government workers.

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Rios Montt holds out against Guatemala coup

Guatemala City (Reuters) - The Guatemalan armed forces said yesterday they had ousted President Rios Montt, but a senior official said the President was holding out at his palace surrounded by loyal troops.

The official, a presidential spokesman, said General Rios Montt was refusing to hand over power to General Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores, the Defence Minister, who was named President in a military proclamation issued yesterday.

Negotiations were under way as helicopters flew over the presidential palace, the spokesman said.

Shooting was heard from the palace shortly after the proclamation but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

Earlier, phone lines had been cut in the city as soldiers with machine-guns took up positions at the presidential palace and radio station and air force jets swooped overhead.

The proclamation said the military had taken action after "analysing the situation created by a small group who, through personal ambition, attempted to perpetuate their rule."

General Rios Montt, aged 57, a fundamentalist protestant, became President in June last year after heading a group of young officers who deposed the right-wing President Romeo Lucas Garcia in a bloodless coup.

Guatemalan officials described General Mejia Victores as being to the right of General Rios Montt.

The Honduran press said yesterday that General Mejia Victores had met General Paul Gorman, chief of the US Southern Command in Panama, last weekend along with Honduran military chiefs on board the aircraft carrier Ranger.

The proclamation reaffirmed the Army's commitment to eradicating what it described as Marxist-Leninist subversion. It said the Military Council would support ways of leading Guatemala along a democratic path but made no mention of elections.

It accused an "aggressive, fanatical religious group" of taking over positions of power and abusing government positions for its own benefit.

General Mejia Victores

would keep his post as Defence Minister while assuming the presidency.

General Rios Montt had taken power amid growing violence in Guatemala's 20-year-old guerrilla war. After mounting criticism he imposed measures to restrict freedom of expression on June 29, only three months after lifting a state of emergency under which all political activity was banned.

Elections for a constituent assembly are scheduled for July 1 next year, and 30 political groups have applied to take part.

The Guatemalan Army a year ago launched a "final offensive" against left-wing guerrillas. Western military sources say it put the guerrillas on the defensive but has failed to crush them.

The guerrilla campaign has been watched with keen interest by the US in view of Guatemala's geographical position between El Salvador, with its left-wing insurgents, and Mexico's rich southern oilfields.

General Rios Montt is convinced God made him President of Guatemala. He is a born-again Christian.

Within four months of taking power as head of a three-man junta last year he dismissed his partners and proclaimed himself President, imposed a state of siege and began a campaign to root out left-wing guerrillas. Human rights groups said the drive cost thousands of innocent lives.

President Rios Montt: Convinced God made him President.

Four-legged friend: Lord Gowrie, Arts Minister, and 'Creature' at Christie's sale of art graduates' work in London yesterday. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

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Libya threatens to shoot down American Awacs

By Our Foreign Staff

The Libyan Air Force has been ordered to shoot down United States Awacs (Airborne Warning and Control System) aircraft wherever they "affect Libyan territory", the official Libyan news agency, Jans, said yesterday.

The warning came in a one-paragraph dispatch under a Tripoli dateline saying: "The Libyan Air Force has been given orders to strike at US Awacs planes whenever it becomes evident to the Libyan Air Force that they affect Libyan territory."

President Reagan has ordered two Awacs and several support aircraft to northern Africa to monitor the fighting in Chad between Libyan-backed rebels and the Government of President Hissene Habre.

The Awacs is an electronic command post that can stay aloft at about 30,000 ft for 11 hours watching for enemy aircraft and naval vessels. Its radar can spot small aircraft up



to 175 miles distant, and larger ones at a distance of up to 360 miles if the radar is aimed above the horizon.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, has told the United Nations Security Council that international security faces a grave threat as a result of "the landing of United States forces of all kinds in Egyptian, Sudanese, Somali and Omani territory."

In a letter dated last Friday and published yesterday, Colonel Gaddafi appeared to be referring to joint United States

military exercises with those countries. He said: "The landing of these forces presents a direct threat to the security of my country." Libya was ready to defend itself wherever threatened.

In a separate letter to the council, Mr Ared Barwile, the Libyan representative, drew attention to what he said was a dangerous situation in the Mediterranean region and Africa caused by the United States.

Meanwhile, in Chad, the Libyans resumed their intensive bombing of the northern desert outpost of Faya-Largeau, breaching the relative calm that had settled over the area since late last week. Government officials said the Libyan aircraft carried out three raids at the beginning of the afternoon; six aircraft made up the first wave.

In Ndjamena, a captured Libyan pilot said he had led a 12-strong squadron of Soviet-built Sukhoi SU22 fighter-

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Pound stands firm as dollar surges

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The dollar's surge resumed unchecked yesterday, with the pound slope of the world's leading currencies standing its ground.

Growing fears of further increases in American interest rates propelled the dollar to a 9½-year peak of more than 2.70 Deutschmarks and to records against the French franc, the Italian lira and other European currencies.

News that the big US banks, led by Citibank, raised their prime lending rates from 10½ to 11 per cent had been widely expected. Prime rates - the cost of loans to the banks' best corporate customers - tend to lag behind changes in other American rates.

But disappointing US money supply figures late on Friday kept the dollar from rising too far, together with some gloomy forecasts from influential Wall Street analysts, have fuelled concern that interest rates may

have to go up again to choke off excess money growth.

Dealers said that intervention yesterday by central banks on the foreign exchange markets to stem the dollar's climb - which has totalled more than \$2bn (£1.35bn) since it began on a concerted basis just over a week ago - was on a smaller scale than last week, and failed to make much impact.

The pound, which looked exposed as a consequence of the British Government's decision not to join the concerted intervention, returned to its well-trodden path by rising with the dollar against other currencies.

It gained 50 points on the dollar to \$1.4905 in London, after dropping to a low of \$1.4725 early on.

It also climbed steeply against European currencies, leaving its average value against a basket of leading currencies 0.2 higher at \$4.5.

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Americans too fast for Wells

By Our Sports Staff

Allan Wells narrowly failed to win Britain's first medal at the world athletics championships in Helsinki when he finished fourth behind three Americans in the 100 metres yesterday.

Carl Lewis took the gold medal in 10.07sec. The world record holder, Calvin Smith, was second in 10.21sec and Erwin King third in 10.24sec. Wells, who won the gold medal in the Moscow Olympics - which the Americans boycotted - was by no means disgraced with a time of 10.27sec.

In the women's final, a torn hamstring spoiled Evelyn Ashford's chances of emulating her male American colleagues. Marlies Goech of East Germany won in 10.97sec, ahead of her compatriot Maria Koch. Miss Ashford's injury forced her to pull out after 60 metres.

The British heptathlete, Judy Livermore, led the field yesterday after three of the seven events. But with her weaker events to come today she will do well to finish in the first six. She ran within one hundredth of a second of her best in the 100 metres hurdles and then followed up with a personal best - and the best by anyone in a heptathlon - when she cleared 1.92 metres in the high jump.

In the 800 metres, Peter Elliott, Britain's main hope in the absence of Sebastian Coe, reached the final as one of the fastest losers with a time of 1min 45.38sec. "When I came here I just wanted to make the semi-finals and when I saw the semi-final line-up I didn't expect to make the final," he said. "Whatever happens now, I know I am one of the best eight in the world."

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Rap on knuckles for Soviet shirkers

From Richard Owen

Moscow
The Soviet Government's new drive for work discipline has been greeted with grumbles and some apprehension at a time when most Russians are on holiday and trying not to think of production quotas.

Under the new regulations, published in all Soviet papers on Sunday and widely discussed yesterday, workers found guilty of persistent absenteeism, poor work performance or - most commonly - drunkenness will be given lower-paid jobs immediately. To ensure that the earnings

loss hits home, shirkers will not be allowed to resign and seek higher-paid work for three months.

In some cases (at the discretion of management) drunkards may not even be given the option of a drop in income but dismissed on the spot. When they do find new work, idlers and slackers will normally only be entitled to half the usual monthly bonus in their new jobs.

If it can be proved that their behaviour has led to a loss of production, miscreants will be obliged to pay a proportion of the estimated loss out of their

wages (or in the case of drunkards the entire amount).

Absenteeism is to be punished by a cut in holiday entitlement (one day of holiday for every work day lost) and those absent from their work place without reasonable cause for more than three hours will be considered absent for the day.

President Andropov launched a campaign against slacking shortly after taking power, but the campaign had recently lost momentum. Some Russians approve of his attempt to enforce discipline through draconian measures.

Others seem to hope that a renewed display of zeal by factory managers after the holiday will be followed by more traditional tolerance of idleness, inefficiency and fondness for the vodka bottle.

The new measures, which also include rewards for the diligent and efficient (and sober) are to be enforced by the "work collectives" established under a law passed in June.

Pravda said yesterday that the collectives would use group discussion and self-criticism to ensure that socialist discipline was seen as a long-term goal rather than a temporary one.

Police trace car sold by doctor a week after his wife disappeared

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Essex police yesterday began a detailed forensic examination of a car sold by Dr Robert Jones, whose wife disappeared last month prompting a big investigation.

Mrs Diane Jones, aged 35, vanished from the family home on the outskirts of the village of Coggeshall near Colchester on July 23 but her husband did not report the disappearance for nine days.

During the weekend in lengthy interviews with police the doctor was asked about a blue Peugeot estate car he said he had sold it but could not give many details.

The car was advertised for sale on July 21 and sold on July 30.

It was traced yesterday by the police to its new owner in Essex after an appeal on local radio.

Forensic science experts began examining it after completing a short but detailed search of the family home, a converted eighteenth-century farmhouse, yesterday. They could be seen working in an upstairs room for part of the day as the doctor tried to continue his normal day-to-day routine.

But before going to his surgery he left a press statement stuck on his kitchen window in which he said he had tried to assist the police at every stage and had agreed to the forensic search.

The statement said the doctor had willingly agreed to the search and it had been carried



Mrs Jones: Disappeared before, husband says.

out at the weekend so that it did not prevent him working in his practice.

Apart from the statement Dr Jones would not answer any questions from the press yesterday.

Dr Jones spent most of the morning at his surgery and making house calls. He covered his face with a newspaper when confronted by photographers.

When he returned home at lunchtime, driven by his secretary, he refused to leave the car until waiting reporters and photographers were moved.

Eventually he hurried to the front door after a confrontation between the secretary and journalists.

Later, a police officer came out of the house, and told journalists that the doctor was "concerned" about them gathering around his front gate and told them to leave.

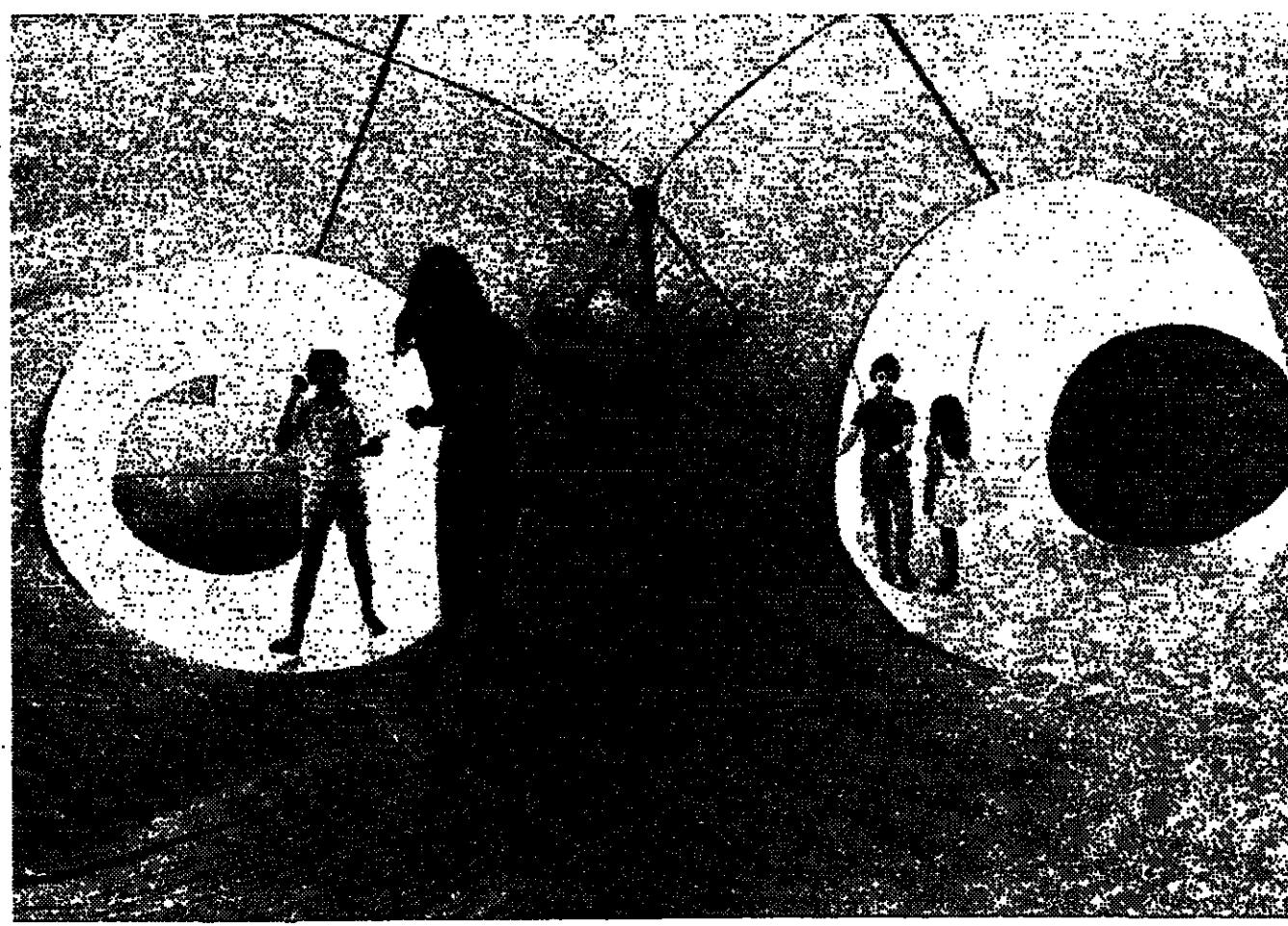
Later in the day Det. Supt. Michael Ainsley, who is in charge of the search, said he would be talking to Dr Jones again later in the inquiry.

The doctor's wife, a social worker, vanished, according to her husband, after he had driven her home from a village public house. The doctor dropped off his wife, who had been drinking heavily, at the door of the family house and then went to park his car. When he returned she had gone.

The woman, who had a drink problem, had disappeared before. At the time of the disappearance the couple were planning a divorce. They have a daughter aged 19 months who is in care.

Mrs Jones was last seen in public being carried by her husband out of the Woolpack Inn public house. Yesterday the police were still questioning her relatives and associates of her friends.

Forensic scientists yesterday began a detailed examination of Dr Jones's present car which was damaged in a collision last Friday night. He is due to appear in court on a drink-driving charge on August 17.



Rival attraction: Visitors to the Barbican Centre in London often complain of getting lost. Now, on level eight, if they can find it, they can try a real maze, inflatable and multicoloured. (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Woman in trousers loses claim to job

By a Staff Reporter

A woman who was dismissed from a crematorium after wearing a trouser suit to work had her claim for unfair dismissal rejected by an industrial tribunal in London yesterday and was ordered to pay £75 costs.

Mrs Jeanne Turnock, aged 40, was dismissed from her job as assistant memorial counsellor at Golders Green crematorium, north London, in March this year, after three written and two oral warnings about wearing trousers, the tribunal was told.

Mrs Turnock, of Rotherwick Road, Golders Green, started work at the crematorium in October, 1980, and started to wear a trouser suit during a cold spell at the end of February this year.

Her job included taking members of the public to inspect memorials in the grounds of the crematorium and she sometimes found herself ankle deep in mud, she told the tribunal.

Mrs Turnock, who was wearing the navy blue trouser suit which caused the argument, told the tribunal that she had specially bought the "lady's business trouser suit" after she had been off sick. She had ignored instructions not to wear it because she considered it appropriate.

Mr Frank Carey, managing director of the crematorium, said that most staff were aware of what was appropriate dress, although there was no specific guidance.

Mr Carey said that although he had no personal objection to women in trousers, he thought they were inappropriate for women working in a crematorium. "We are dealing with elderly people recently bereaved and a large number may find some offence in a lady in trousers coming to deal with them," he said.

Questioned on what else he considered inappropriate dress for employees, he listed miniskirts, see-through blouses, plunging necklines, teeshirts with slogans and men wearing sweaters or cardigans.

Mr John Phillips, an attendant at Golders Green Crematorium between 1971 and 1978 and a former shop steward there, said that he had seen two women employed there wearing trousers on several occasions and that there had never been any complaints.

Mr David Coates, an official of the Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades Union, said that Mrs Turnock was under no contractual obligation to wear a particular kind of clothing.

The tribunal unanimously decided that the dismissal was fair and that Mrs Turnock had persistently refused to carry out a reasonable instruction.

City defends choice of organist

From Arthur Osman, Birmingham

Two former organ scholars at King's College, Cambridge, were on a short tour which advised the city of Birmingham to choose another King's man as its next official organist; it was disclosed yesterday.

Sir David Willocks, aged 64, director of the Royal College of Music, and Sir Simon Preston, aged 45, organist and master of choristers at Westminster Abbey, were asked to advise the city in its choice of a successor to Sir George Thalben-Hall, aged 86, who retired last year after 34 years in the post.

They suggested Mr Thomas Trotter, aged 26, who has been organist at St Margaret's Westminster for the past year. The post, which has been given to Mr Trotter, carries a salary of £5,000 and the holder usually gives 40 recitals a year in the city.

There has been criticism from some regular attenders at recitals suggesting that Mr Trotter is too young and his repertoire limited.

Sir David and Mr Preston, together with Mr Tom Carroll, Birmingham's chief executive, and Mr Bernard Zissman, chairman of the general purposes committee, auditioned a shortlist of four.

The contenders played on the organ in the Great Hall at Birmingham University, because the city's own instrument in the town hall is being rebuilt at a cost of £400,000. Each player performed a programme, including a piece by Bach, lasting 30 minutes.

Mr Zissman said yesterday: "All who played were exceptionally good but Mr Trotter was the unanimous choice."

MP seeks action on Nazi inventor

The Government is being urged to act to bring the Nazi inventor of the mobile gas chamber to justice. Mr David Winnick, Labour MP for Walsall North, wants pressure put on Chile to deport Walter Rauff, a former SS colonel alleged to be responsible for the deaths of 200,000 people.

Mr Winnick claims that Rauff is more notorious than Klaus Barbie, the so-called "Butcher of Lyons", who is soon to stand trial for war crimes in France.

Mr Winnick added: "As long as he is allowed to be free, it is mocking the victims of his killings."

Mr Winnick, who plans to press the Government to act with the Americans and West Germans to win Rauff's extradition, said that if no government made a move, anti-fascist terrorist groups could try to kidnap him.

"I intend to pursue this in Parliament because I am convinced the British Government do not want to know about it," Mr Winnick said.

He is puzzled by Rauff's escape which, like that of Barbie, came after his arrest at the end of the Second World War. "What concerns me is the possibility that it could well be that American intelligence, even though they knew of his atrocities, allowed him to escape."

"It seems odd that both Barbie and Rauff managed to get free. Barbie helped American intelligence; one does not know what happened to Rauff."

Chemistry hit by lack of young staff

By Our Education Correspondent

University chemistry teaching and research is at risk because of spending cuts and the most serious problem is said to be the lack of young teaching staff.

The conclusion in a report published this month by the Royal Society of Chemistry, is based on a survey by the committee of Heads of University Chemistry Departments.

The committee says that in a discipline where the new ideas so vital to research emerge to a great extent from the younger staff, the dearth of young people is intolerable.

"The overall prediction is one of despair in the long term. Hampered by the lack of foresight which initiated the cuts,

"Everything was more relaxed but not slack. The teachers and house masters were very friendly and made most lessons quite interesting, especially the ones I find very boring at St Peter's."

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Film-makers claim Nessie sightings

A team from the United States, which has been monitoring the surface of Loch Ness with a video camera for the past week, believes it may have seen the monster on two occasions.

The first claimed sighting was towards the eastern end of the loch. The team says it saw an object about 15ft to 20ft long, crossing the waves and raising its "head" out of the water. The second, from a point over Urquhart Bay, much further along the loch, was of an object about 30ft long moving about three feet below the surface.

The team of two, from the National Crypto Zoological Society and led by Erik Beckford, a wildlife photographer, has been scanning the surface from points along the shore with a camera capable of filming for 240 hours without a break.

Twins aged four die in fire

Two girls aged four, who died when fire wrecked their home were named yesterday as Sarah and Louise Matkin.

Mrs Janet Matkin, aged 29, their mother, escaped from the blazing terraced house in Hoon Road, Hutton, Derbyshire on Sunday with another daughter aged 20 months in her arms.

Death threat remand

Dunstan Dunstan, aged 29, who lives on a barge, on the Grand Union Canal at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, was further remanded in custody until August 15 yesterday accused of threatening to kill the Prince of Wales.

Mr Dunstan, who appeared at Aylesbury Magistrates' Court is alleged to have made the threat in letters to the deputy editor of a local newspaper.

New heart

Mr James Paget, a publican aged 46 from Stepney, east London, has become the 65th patient to undergo a heart transplant at Harefield Hospital. His condition was stable yesterday.

Tramp deaths

Detectives investigating claims by a tramp that he murdered eight vagrants in London believe that it will take them until the end of this week to search death records to establish whether the claims are true.

Across the academic divide: 2

A touch of Brideshead but no pomposity

In a second article on an exchange between Malvern, the public school, and a Wolverhampton comprehensive, Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, examines how the state school boys saw their public school contemporaries.

In the same way as the Malvernians thought the state school boys would be yobs, the students from St Peter's Collegiate School, Wolverhampton, thought the public school boys would be snooty and possibly homosexual. Their

such schools were gleamed from *Brideshead Revisited* and books like *Tom Brown's School Days*.

"I expected the pupils to be far more reserved than they actually are and I expected many of them to be very snobbish", Martin Ward, a St Peter's lowered the meals to be poor and a general atmosphere of dullness to be present. I expected great emphasis to be placed on certain established subjects, and very rigid teachers to be present."

Instead, he found the food to be surprisingly good and the other boys to be friendly. "The likes and dislikes and general attitudes of the sixth-form boys were very similar to mine, which I did not expect to find in a public school", he added.

The St Peter's boys agreed that the public schoolboys were not snobbish ("though they all talked posh"). Martin Lee,

another of the St Peter's sixth-formers, commented: "The school is rather ostentatious, resembling *Brideshead*, but the manner of the place is in no way pompous. It was a great time, or as great a time as a school can be." Praise indeed.

Jan de Vry expected Malvern to be much more strict and disciplined than it was. "I had heard rumours of the working hours and thought they would be very uncomfortable to live with."

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more work than I am at St Peter's", Jan de Vry said. "The freedom of not having parents around is great, and there are many social activities to find and the desire to walk down the path to a squash court or any sport is there."

They were fascinated by the elaborate prefect system, which carries with it a bizarre lot of privileges and uniforms, and by the solidarity expressed in such a closed community. They happened to visit Malvern after the expulsion of a boy who had broken the school rules one too many times.

The whole school rose up in what the St Peter's boys saw as a stunning act of corporate rebellion. A silent chapel was held, with the Malvern boys refusing to utter. The headmaster had to say the prayers and sing on his own.

When I visited the Wolverhampton school Martin Lee, a passionate CND supporter, got into a vigorous discussion with Mr Ronald Storer, the head, about disarmament. By contrast, the Malvernians admitted that they did not talk freely to their headmaster.

But it was the similarities which struck them in the end. "I now appreciate that the standard of my state education is comparable with a private education, better for some subjects in my view", Martin Ward said.

Concluded

Commuters flood 'archaic' roads

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

More Londoners are commuting to work by car and bicycle, and fewer by bus and Tube, the latest figures show.

The number of people cycling and motor cycling to work has nearly tripled, over the past 10 years. Car commuting grew by 14 per cent over the same period, but traffic by public transport declined: rail by 11 per cent, Underground by 22 per cent, and bus by 31 per cent.

Coming at a time when the Greater London Council has been cutting investment in roads, the latest figures show that "it is time the Government faced up to its responsibilities and promised London an adequate road building programme". Mr Jeremy Hawkesley, of the road lobby Movement for London, said.

"Figures show a long-term trend away from public transport", Mr Hawkesley said, "but whereas Londoners pay over £1.2bn in road taxes each year they are given in return a congested and archaic road network."

"Between 1972 and 1982 the number of people commuting by car or bike had risen from 185,000 to 235,000 - an increase of 27 per cent. But passengers by rail, bus, and Underground had dropped from 967,000 to 788,000."

The Greater London Council said: "Everything Movement in London say underlines the need for cheap fares in London to keep down traffic congestion. March 1982 was when fares on London Transport doubled, and traffic increased as a result."

PASSENGERS ENTERING CENTRAL LONDON between 7 and 10 am (thousands)

Source: GLC Data TFP

1972 1975 1978 1981 1982 % change 1982/1972

British Rail London Transport - Underground London Transport - Bus

442 403 409 394 391 - 11 - 0.7

381 344 335 348 298 - 22 - 14

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Pledge on anti-typhoid vaccine

By Stephen Goodwin

The Wellcome Foundation, sole manufacturer of anti-typhoid vaccine in Britain, intends to get fresh supplies to hard-pressed pharmaceutical wholesalers by tomorrow.

The outbreak of typhoid which has now affected 27 Britons returning from the Greek island of Kos has led to five times the normal demand for the vaccine. In four days last week, the foundation sent out supplies usually sufficient for three months.

The foundation said yesterday that no shortage was envisaged.

There have been distribution problems with the vaccine, which is manufactured in Beckenham, Kent, packed and labelled in Dartford and sent to wholesalers from Crewe, Cheshire.

The Department of Health says there are now 21 confirmed cases from the Kos outbreak with another six suspected.

All the victims stayed at the Ramira Beach Hotel between June 29 and July 6, and as the normal incubation period for typhoid is up to a month the hope is that few further cases will be reported.

Meanwhile, the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre at Colindale, London, is continuing its investigation to find the source.

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President running neck and neck with main rival in Nigeria's poll

Lagos (Reuters) - As partial results in Nigeria's presidential election became known yesterday, the race between the two leading candidates still appeared to be close.

Party sources said that counting from the poll on Saturday tended to confirm a contest between President Shagari of the National Party and Chief Abacha Awolowo of the Unity Party. There are six candidates.

No complete result from any of Nigeria's 19 states is yet known, but enough tallies were in from constituencies for officials of the two parties to become excited about their chances.

Early results from Ilorin, capital of the state of Kwara which is held by the National Party, showed that the party was suffering a worse setback than expected after a leadership split there.

However, party officials were cheered by the news that President Shagari was polling well in the northern Kano state where he won last time - the four western Yoruba states and Bendel to the east of Lagos. Mr Shagari had hoped to make significant advances in Bendel.

Final results are not expected until today at the earliest. Voting was still going on yesterday in two districts of the eastern Cross River state. Elsewhere, bad weather and inadequate communications have held up procedures.



Shagari



Awolowo

lim, made a big effort in Oyo for this election, and his party is hoping to get more than 25 per cent of the vote to gain the wide geographical spread he needs.

The winner has to take 25 per cent in two thirds of the states as well as a nationwide majority, a provision designed to end the domination of the party by three main tribes. Unity Party officials said the party was holding on to the five states it won last time - the four western Yoruba states and Bendel to the east of Lagos. Mr Shagari had hoped to make significant advances in Bendel.

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● KANO: The elections have set at least one important precedent in this Muslim state: a big turnout by women.

Polling stations in the narrow streets of Kano City, 500 miles north-east of Lagos, were crowded with colourfully robed women breaching the Islamic custom of Purdah (seclusion of women).

"It looks as though there are as many women as men out today and they won't go home until they've voted," a resident said at one slow-moving queue for the ballot box.

Women in the Muslim north were not granted the vote until 1979, and purdah has prevented them from attending public political events. Rival parties in the state mounted special campaigns this year to attract their vote.

Kano has 7.6 million of Nigeria's 65 million registered voters. It is dominated by the Muslim Hausa-Fulani group. "The women's vote in the north could have significant implications for national politics," a Kano academic told journalists.

But while a growing number of women from middle and upper class urban families are taking up professions, most female town dwellers remain subject to traditional standards.

Even at Saturday's polls the separation of the sexes was maintained. Women and men queued at a respectable distance apart.



Iron fist Mr Mugabe greets supporters at the Harare rally where he said his party would rule forever.

Dossier on atrocities discounted

From Stephen Taylor Harare

The Zimbabwe Government's sensitivity over the Western press and the Matabeleland situation has been revived by a number of recent reports and in particular the claims of a priest.

Father Hebron Wilson, formerly based in the Tsholotsho district of Matabeleland and a member of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe, has compiled a dossier on military atrocities against civilians in the province since the Fifth Brigade was deployed there in January to curb growing guerrilla activity.

He says that although there has been a decline in the killings since the widespread massacres in February, there have been three serious incidents recently in which about 50 people have died.

The incidents are all said to have taken place in the Tsholotsho district and in one case involved 20 people being herded into a hut which was then set on fire.

Soon after Father Wilson started making his claims it became known that the Fifth Brigade, the Praetorian Guard drawn almost exclusively from the ruling Zanu (PF) Party, was being withdrawn from Matabeleland. It has been replaced by the Second Brigade, a more experienced and integrated unit.

The Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace has refused to comment on Father Wilson's allegations and says it is unable to substantiate them. A spokesman said: "He is a respected member of the commission but this information is his and not ours."

The commission, which was a leading critic of military excesses committed by the Rhodesian security forces during the guerrilla war, came into conflict with the Zimbabwe government for the first time earlier this year when it became the first independent body to support press claims about the Matabeleland massacres.

The Government has dismissed Father Wilson's claims by suggesting that the deaths are the responsibility of anti-Government guerrillas and bandits in the region.

He is in no doubt that the Fifth Brigade is responsible. He says he has spent months compiling his report and has only decided to speak about his findings because he has been unable to get any response from the Government.

● NAIROBI: President Daniel arap Moi said that Kenya was "certain" foreign diplomats accredited here to stop involving themselves in electioneering in Kenya (AFP reports).

Supertanker's bow towed out to sea

Cape Town (AP) - The tugboat John Ross inched cautiously away from the African coast yesterday, towing the oil-laden bow of the Spanish supertanker, Castillo de Bellver, bobbing vertically out of the water.

The 283ft tug, moving at 1.4 knots, was trying to ease the charred bow section well off the coast without tipping it over, which officials fear would start a fresh oil spill.

The Castillo de Bellver cracked in half on Saturday after catching fire while rounding the Cape of Good Hope on a voyage from the Gulf to Spain. Thirty-one of the crew and two women passengers were rescued. The search for three missing seamen was called off yesterday.

The vessel carried 250,000 tons of crude oil which at first threatened South Africa's environmentally frail western shores.

The pollution has been safely riding the Benguela current out to sea and yesterday, no oil was reported washing ashore. The stern section sank before dawn on Sunday and later that day the bow was taken into tow.

A spokesman for Safmarine, South Africa's quasi-government Maritime Corporation, said that breezes out of the south-east had helped to keep seas calm and ease the tugboat's task.

Prevailing winds at this time of year are from the west, which officials fear will overturn the bow.

There was no indication from the tug what it will do with the bow. Safmarine spokesmen over the weekend said it should be scuttled in deep water. But a source at the company said that this could not be done until

Safmarine was assured no legal claims will be made on the split ship or the oil remaining inside.

● MADRID: Dazed crew members of the stricken vessel returned here yesterday to tearful reunions with their families. (AP reports).

Sher Pedro Guevara Martinez gripped his son, Pablo, aged 29, the supertanker's first mate.

"Calm down, Dad, calm down, everything's all right," the younger Guevara said, with one arm around his father and the other around his wife, Maria del Pilar Gil, aged 23, who had accompanied her husband on the voyage.

A passing fishing vessel rescued 29 crew members and two wives from a lifeboat after they had abandoned the burning vessel.

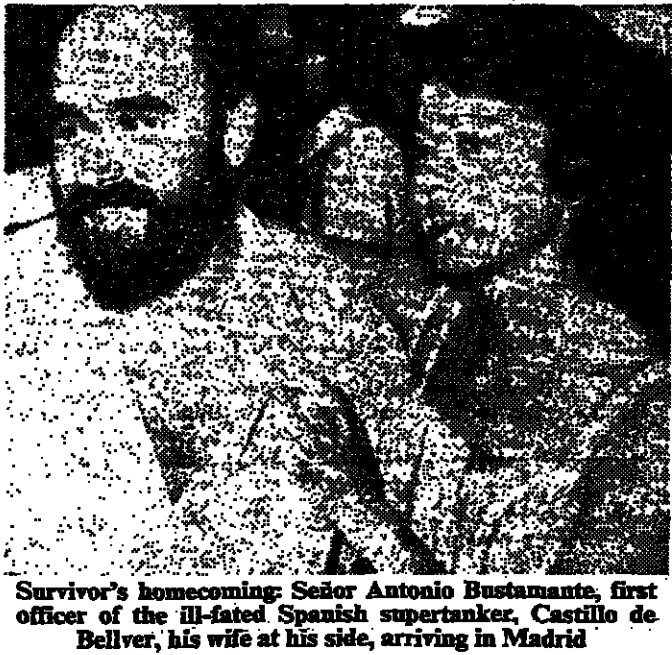
Another two crew members were taken off the ship by a helicopter and one was picked up by a merchant ship.

Señor Armando Alvarez kept shaking his head as family members crowded around him. "I don't believe it, I don't believe it," he repeated after disembarking from the flight from Cape Town via London.

Most of the rescued crew members, however, had to face another wait for connecting flights to provincial cities before meeting their families.

Captain Alfonso Civera Alvarez remained in Cape Town for an official inquiry into the blaze. Three representatives of the Empresa Nacional del Cano, the state shipping firm that owns the supertanker, also travelled to South Africa.

The vessel's first machinist, Señor German Garcia, remained in hospital in Cape Town with burns. His wife stayed with him.



Survivor's homecoming: Señor Antonio Bustamante, first officer of the ill-fated Spanish supertanker, Castillo de Bellver, his wife at his side, arriving in Madrid.

MPs seek curbs on president

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

Curbs on the sweeping powers of South Africa's executive president, who will take office under a new constitution which will give the country its first multi-racial parliament, have been recommended by a select committee which has studied the draft Bill.

But last night Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the official opposition Progressive Federal Party, said the most obvious features of the Bill remained and it was totally unacceptable.

The all-party select committee's report on the Bill was tabled when Parliament reconvened in Cape Town yesterday after a five-week recess. It was empowered to suggest amendments but not to propose any changes to the principles of the Bill established in the second reading.

The later this week and both the Progressive Federal Party which objects primarily to the exclusion of South Africa's 22 million blacks from the reform deal, and the ultra right-wing Conservative Party have pledged to oppose it clause by clause.

These select committee recommendations that restrictions should be placed on the executive president's powers to summon or dissolve Parliament when he likes, to call joint sessions of the three chambers of Parliament for whites, coloureds (mixed race) and Asians, and to appoint ministers and deputy ministers.

People appointed ministers should take and oath of office before the Chief Justice and not before the president, the committee recommended.

But there is no certainty that the Government will accept its findings, which also call for a widening of the president's powers in deciding what should be deemed "general affairs" of all three chambers of Parliament or "own affairs" of one of them.

The courts are specifically excluded from inquiring into the president's decisions in these matters.

Dr van Zyl Slabbert said last night that the proposed amendments were mainly technical and did not remove the dangers of a dictatorship, one-party domination, degrading of the courts, racial conflict, entrenched apartheid and the danger of misapprehensions.

Dr van Zyl Slabbert said the three Progressive Federal Party members of the select committee had been outvoted by the Nationalist majority when they tried to move amendments.

● PRETORIA: - Two timber mines were used in the weekend explosion at a synagogue in Hillbrow, central Johannesburg, a security spokesman said here yesterday (AFP reports).

The spokesman said that remnants of the mines, similar to types used in the attacks in the country by the banned African National Congress, were found at the scene.

The rearmament action is none the less being fought with all the resources of the state apparatus.

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Some rock groups, such as Magnetic Band from Estonia, or Moscow's Dialogue, continue to function sporadically, and many of their young fans believe the current cultural chill will pass.

"Our leaders are trying to defend the fortress against us," one student said, "but it is too late, we are already inside." Moscow intellectuals agree that the process has gone too far, and that the authorities are fighting a losing battle against Western influences.

"The younger generation has been formed by influences - including rock music - which men of Mr Chernomir's generation cannot begin to understand," one writer commented.

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Reward for defecting pilots may be £2.3m

Taipei (Reuters) - A Chinese Air Force test pilot who defected to South Korea in his MiG21 fighter could receive a record reward of \$3.3m (£2.3m) in gold if he settles in Taiwan.

Taiwan has said it would welcome the pilot, 46-year-old Sun Tien-Cain with the Foreign Ministry saying his flight showed the growing discontent among mainland Chinese against communist rule.

Under the latest reward scale offered by Taiwan to encourage defection, officials said, a Chinese pilot bringing out a MiG21 receives nearly 920 oz of gold.

New Assembly in Seychelles

Victoria (AFP) - Voters from the three main islands of Seychelles have elected 23 new district delegates to the People's Assembly.

In the elections, 20,705 or 59.3 per cent of the electorate turned out, choosing from 30 candidates, all of them members of the Seychelles People's Progressive Front, the islands' only political party.

Basques sought Dax, France (Reuters) - Police were hunting three men they said were Basque separatists yesterday after one - Guendarme - was killed and another seriously wounded in a machine-gun attack on a police checkpoint in south-west France.

Church issues

Vancouver (Reuters) - The sixth assembly of the World Council of Churches will end tomorrow after issuing a statement on key issues like nuclear disarmament, Central America, South Africa and Christian unity.

Case of beef

Melbourne (AFP) - A Melbourne meat exporter was sentenced yesterday to four years in jail for sending home and kangaroo meat to the United States as beef, and thereby prompting American officials to ban Australian meat for three months.

First stalker

Budapest (AP) - Hungary's first known stalker was reported by the newspaper Magyar Hirlap. It said a "hated man, aged about 60, shocked a tour group and several residents in the main street of Debrecen, eastern Hungary."

Amnesty refused

Madrid - Amnesty for military officers imprisoned for their part in the failed coup of 1980 would be politically inopportune, Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister, said yesterday in answer to requests to free them.

On call

Washington (Reuters) - American Telephone and Telegraph (ATT) company managers worked yesterday to keep services running during a nationwide pay strike by more than 600,000 telephone employees.

Britain deported

Istanbul (AP) - Mr Trevor Simeon, a British artist sentenced to 36 months in prison for illegal fishing in Turkish territorial waters, has been deported.

Guard shoots

Paris (AFP) - Two burglars were shot dead and a third injured when a volunteer security guard opened fire after they broke into a glassware firm at Montreuil, outside Paris.

Heatwave toll

Tokyo (Reuters) - At least 64 people drowned and four are missing after Japanese thronged beaches at the weekend seeking relief from a heatwave.

Correction

Dr Louis Washkansky, the world's first recipient of a transplanted heart, was a businessman in the wholesale grocery trade, not a dentist, as stated on August 3. The operation took place and was announced on December 3, 1967.

Cypriot leader breaks off Greek holiday

From Mario Modiano Athens

President Kyriakos of Cyprus has interrupted a holiday in Greece and is returning to Nicosia after receiving a message from Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary-General of the United Nations, containing his ideas for a solution of the Cyprus problem.

The message was delivered yesterday by Mr Hugo Gobbi, the Secretary-General's personal envoy, to Mr Nicos Rolando, the Cypriot Foreign Minister. A similar message is being handed by Mr Gobbi to Mr Rafi Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, today.

Mr Kyriakos will have a meeting with Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, before flying back to Cyprus tomorrow.

An Algerian witness said Mr Price had planned to kill the Maltese Prime Minister.

The case will now go to the Attorney-General who will decide whether there are sufficient grounds for the issuing of a bill of indictment.

If the Attorney-General decides to indict Mr Price there will be a trial by jury. Bill is not permitted for someone accused of a crime against the safety of the Government.

Syrians shoot down Israeli 'drone'

From Robert Fisk, Bar Elias, Lebanon

While President Reagan's Middle East envoy was continuing his efforts to secure a military disengagement between Syrian and Israeli troops in the Lebanese Bekaa valley, Syrian anti-aircraft missile crews opened fire at a pilotless Israeli aircraft over the two armies' front lines.

The Syrians announced three hours later that they had destroyed an Israeli "drone", a pilotless lightweight aircraft that the Israeli Army has been using for two years to take aerial photographs above the Syrian lines.

While in itself of little military significance - "drones" have been shot down before and the Israelis had made no comment on the incident by last night - the missile was fired at a politically important moment.

Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's envoy, had left Damascus less than 24 hours earlier after failing to persuade the Syrians to reconsider a military withdrawal from Lebanon.

The missile, apparently a Sam 6 fired from the Syrian border on the Anti-Lebanon mountain range, soared at high speed down the Bekaa and exploded over the village of Ait el-Foukhar where the Syrian

Lebanese await next bombing

Beirut (Reuters) - A series of weekend car bombings that killed more than 50 people has spread deep concern in Lebanon over where the random violence might occur next.

In the north-eastern city of Baalbek, rescue work was still going on yesterday amid the rubble of a vegetable market where at least 33 people were killed and about 125 injured when a car packed with explosives went off on Sunday.

Shops and businesses were shuttered as residents responded to calls from leftist and Islamic groups for a protest strike against the slaughter.

The Lebanese press, accustomed to reporting violence daily, was unusually strong in its reaction to the Baalbek bombing. The state-run Beirut radio called it "blind racism".

Mr Shafiq al-Wazzan, Lebanon's Muslim Prime Minister, said the latest wave of violence was an attempt to destabilize the nation.

It was the second big car bomb aimed against civilians in three days. On Friday, 19 people died when one blew up outside a mosque in the northern port of Tripoli. On Saturday, three people were killed when a poorly-trapped vehicle exploded in the Syrian-held mountain village of Arba-niyeh, east of Beirut.

After the Baalbek blast, an organization calling itself the Front for the Liberation of Lebanon from Foreigners, known only for its claims to have planted similar car bombs in Syrian-held and Palestinian-held areas in the past, claimed responsibility in a telephone call to a foreign news agency.

Beirut radio blamed the Baalbek bombing on "the Iranians, Syrians, Libyans and Palestinians who occupy our country." The French-language daily *L'Orient-Le Jour* ran a front-page headline saying: "Blind terrorism continues".

The Arabic-language daily *Al-Nahar* said of the bombing: "Black Sunday stains the city of the sun with death."

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Anti-bomb protesters shut works

Toulouse (AFP) - A previously unknown "anti-nuclear movement" yesterday claimed responsibility for two overnight explosions at the site where Culeto, a construction firm, is working on the Golfech nuclear power plant, in southern France.

The explosions destroyed 30 lorries and damaged 20 others. A third explosion wrecked a concrete-making plant.

The firm said the damage was so extensive that its 230 workers, at present on holiday, would be temporarily unemployed on their return.

The Golfech plant is one of three French nuclear plants which have attracted widespread protests from ecologists.

● TEHRAN: An Armenian guerrilla group waging a violent campaign against French interests in Iran, has claimed responsibility for a bomb attack on the French Embassy on Sunday night and a recent attempt to kidnap an Italian diplomat.

Reagan library proposal splits Stanford campus

From Ivor Davis, Palo Alto, California

Summer in this college town is generally quiet as students of Stanford University take their long annual holiday. This week, however, the sleepy California afterwards have been interrupted by the sound of heated arguments.

A proposal to establish a Ronald Reagan presidential library on the Stanford campus has split the university community down the middle. Two years ago, Dr Glenn Campbell, director of the Hoover Institution for War, Revolution and Peace, a conservative think tank based at the university, invited Mr Reagan to house his Presidential papers at Stanford.

Mr Reagan, an honorary fellow of the institute, had already given papers from his eight years as governor of California, his campaign docu-

West Bank leaders meet Arens

Jerusalem (AFP) - Mr Moshe Arens, the Israeli Defence Minister, has for the first time met Palestinian leaders from the occupied West Bank town of Hebron, where masked gunmen two weeks ago killed three Arab students, it was reported here yesterday.

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Kremlin stifles pop music explosion

From Richard Owen Moscow

Sergei is young, tousle-haired, wears a leather jacket and carries a briefcase, more like a sociology lecturer than a man who manages several pop groups in Moscow and the provinces. A year ago, Sergei was riding the crest of a wave, putting on pop concerts for wildly enthusiastic audiences of Russian youngsters. Today, he is downcast, and fears for his job as a concert hall director.

The turning point was the Party's Central Committee plenum in June, at which Mr Konstantin Chernenko made a tough speech signalling a determined Kremlin crackdown on unorthodoxy in the arts.

Mr Chernenko, who is 71, had been out of the limelight since losing the party leadership to Mr Yuri Andropov last November, and he used the ideological campaign as a vehicle for regaining influence.

He called on party officials to enforce strict Marxist orthodoxy in the arts, and in language which recalled Stalinist socialist realism inveighed against "alien" Western influences.

Some musicians, artists and writers had hoped the Kremlin would be content with tough words, but the plenum has been followed by tough action. Pop music, lambasted by Mr Chernenko, is an obvious target, since in the authorities' eyes it undermines their attempt to mould Soviet youth. A number of popular rock groups have been disbanded or barred from performing, including Time Machine and Cruise.

Russian pop music is sophisticated, with styles ranging from "heavy metal" to jazz-rock. But the Kremlin's wrath has even fallen on more innocuous, middle-of-the-road bands such as the Happy Kids (*Veselye Rebyata*), who used to have a very pop show on Soviet Television.

Senior cultural officials recently wrote in the newspaper *Sovetskoye Kulturne* that the group had performed songs of "subliminal ideological content". The officials - who included the Deputy Minister of Culture - warned a number of groups that they would be broken up by October 1 if they had not repented of the "lack of discipline" in their work and replaced it with "an adequately high ideological and artistic level".

Rock groups were damaging the moral and aesthetic education of working people, especially the young, the paper added.

"It's a disaster," Sergei said as we walked to a concert by one of his remaining rock groups. On the wall of a building near by a fading poster flapped in the breeze, advertising a concert earlier this year by a group called - appropriately enough - Last Chance.

"It takes years for a group to form an identity, and for different types of modern music to develop. Now they want to turn the clock back."

Some rock groups, such as Magnetic Band from Estonia, or Moscow's Dialogue, continue to function sporadically, and many of their young fans believe the current cultural chill will pass.

Interned leaders denounce Turkey's poll as fraud

By Edward Mortimer

The elections due to be held in Turkey this autumn are denounced as a fraud in a memorandum drawn up by 16 former political leaders of both right and left, a copy of which has reached *The Times* after being smuggled out of a Turkish internment camp.

The 16, who include Mr Süleyman Demirel, the former conservative Prime Minister, have been interned in the camp at an old radar station on the Dardanelles since June 2.

In their memorandum they warn European nations and the United States not to stay neutral in Turkey's "war between militarism and democracy". They question whether Turkey can remain a Western ally on her return to democracy if her allies continue to support the present military regime of General Kenan Evren.

Nine of the detainees are from the right of the political spectrum, including Mr Demirel, Mr İhsan Sabri Caglayangil, the former Foreign Minister. The other seven are former ministers and deputies of the left-of-centre Republican People's Party, including Mr Deniz Baykal, the former Finance Minister.

All have been accused by the regime of attempting to reconstitute their old parties, now dissolved, under new names. Officially they are "guests" rather than prisoners, but they are allowed to receive visits only from relatives, who are not supposed to bring tape recorders or to make notes.

Referring to the regime's ban on the proposed Grand Turkey Party (which had Mr Demirel's discreet support) and its denial of political rights to would-be founders of other parties, the memorandum says that in November "the Turkish people will vote only for the candidates selected by the Junta". This, it says, "is an insult to the country, to the nation and to the Turkish armed forces". "Turkey is no Pakistan," it

published some years ago.

Acropolis encircled by nuclear protesters

From Mario Modiano Athens

Thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators last night joined hands and formed a multiple human chain around the Acropolis, in a symbolic protest against the threat of nuclear war.

The demonstration, marking the anniversary of the atomic devastation of Hiroshima, was strongly sponsored by the pro-Soviet Greek Communist Party, but a large number of liberal intellectuals, artists and scholars, lent their support.

A mass rally held before the Acropolis, the low hill facing the Acropolis from the south, approved an "Acropolis appeal", which urged that Athens should be declared an unfortified and nuclear-free city.

The appeal said: "We chose the Acropolis, a world symbol of culture, to make manifest our belief in man and his cultural values, and to emphasize our irrevocable resolve to protect them from a nuclear conflict."

The appeal urged all nuclear powers to freeze their arsenals, but it appealed in particular to the United States to call off the deployment of missiles in Europe, "resuming its 'first strike' strategy and, for good measure, desert from gunboat diplomacy in Central America and the Mediterranean. There was no comparable admonition to the Soviet Union."



Japan protest: Anti-nuclear protesters march along the main street of Nagasaki, devastated 38 years ago today.

Post-Falklands Argentina: Part 2

Split on relations with Britain

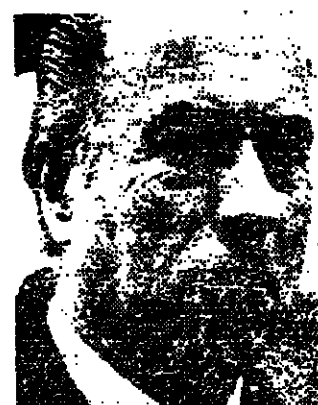
In the second of two articles on Argentine thinking on the Falklands, ANDREW THOMPSON, our Buenos Aires correspondent, reports politicians' views on the future of negotiations.

There is divided counsel among Argentina's politicians over whether the country should sign a formal cessation of hostilities with Britain. No one is thinking of renewing hostilities: the argument is over the best way to advance the diplomatic claim to sovereignty over the Falklands.

Senator Oscar Camilion, a former foreign minister and now one of the key foreign policy specialists in the Movement for Integration and Development, a small but influential political party, is decidedly in favour of signing a formal cessation of hostilities. "The hostilities have ended and we should recognize it," he says, arguing that in the absence of a formal treaty the British Government can justify its "Fortress Falklands" policy.

While members of the Argentine Government believe that a high level of British expenditure on the island will become increasingly unpopular with the taxpayers, Senator Camilion draws the opposite conclusion. "Whenever you spend a large amount of money in one place, you create vested interest," he comments. "We should support anything which reduces, rather than increases the number of British troops on the Malvinas (Falklands)."

A similar, although slightly



Senator Camilion: 'Fortress Falklands' justified

different position, is taken by Senator Leopoldo Tetamanti of the Peronists. He would like to see an Argentine decision to sign a formal cessation of hostilities linked to British troop withdrawals and a promise to negotiate the future of the islands.

Like other politicians, Senator Tetamanti rejects the argument that the Falkland Islanders have a right to self-determination. He says the islanders are "a sector of the British people, living on land which is not their own". A future Argentine Government would have to invite Britain to negotiate within the framework of the United Nations. "This negotiation will have to be on the basis of a recognition of Argentine sovereignty and of the legal security of the islanders, whose customs and future must be guaranteed," he

Senator Tetamanti visualizes an interim United Nations administration during negotiations and to supervise the transition. His ideas are not entirely shared by other leading Peronists, who tend to argue that Britain should make the first move towards a thaw in relations.

"That resolution recognized that hostilities had ended, and called for peaceful negotiations on the sovereignty dispute. Peaceful negotiations mean peaceful negotiations: that is what we want," she said.

Senora Elsa Kelly of the Radicals is sceptical about the need for a formal cessation of hostilities. She fears that Britain is seeking such a declaration as a way of closing the whole sovereignty debate.

She argues that if Britain is really interested in peace in the South Atlantic, it should have accepted Resolution 37/9 of the United Nations General Assembly, voted last November.

Diplomats in Buenos Aires agree that the advent of a civilian government will change the current deadlock between Britain and Argentina.

"I don't think anything will change immediately," one said. "because no one is sure of the stability of the next civilian government. But assuming it is able to consolidate its position internally, I expect it to launch a major diplomatic initiative over the Falklands around this time next year. We might see some movement then."

Concluded

Prisoners of conscience



Philippines: Crispin Beltran

By Caroline Moorehead

Mr Crispin Beltran, the secretary-general of one of the Philippine trade union federations, the Kilusang Mayo Uno (May First Movement), is on trial in Quezon City on charges of conspiracy to commit rebellion, inciting to sedition and rebellion.

The case has already been running for more than six months and is expected to drag on, with one hearing every couple of weeks, for many more.

Mr Beltran, aged 50, has been in detention since last August. He has 10 children and his family is in serious financial difficulties.

Mr Beltran began his working life as a taxi driver. From 1959 to 1963 he served as president of the Amalgamated Taxi Drivers of the Philippines, then rose through the ranks, first of the Philippine Workers' Congress, and later of the Confederation of the Philippines.

On May Day, 1980, in defiance of martial law regulations, the Kilusang Mayo Uno was founded at a rally of 20,000.

When martial law was lifted in January, 1981, shortly before the Pope's arrival in the Philippines, the organization stepped up its demands for the restoration of workers' rights.

Trade union militancy increased steadily, culminating in a general strike in the Batangas free trade zone in June, 1982.

President Marcos accused union leaders of trying to embarrass him while he was visiting President Reagan in the USA. In the next few months, more than 40 trade unionists were arrested.

Having escaped the first round of arrests, Mr Beltran was picked up by 10 plainclothes military officers as he left a meeting of union officials on the evening of August 18.

Sri Lanka tackles the damage

From Michael Hamlyn Colombo

The immense task of rebuilding Sri Lanka's shattered economy begins this week with the appointment of a five-member Rehabilitation of Property and Industries authority under the chairmanship of a retired rear-admiral.

No one will know how large a task faces the authority, which was set up under emergency legislation yesterday, until the report of a central Bank of Ceylon task force is received later this week. But all property which was damaged during the week-long rampage of the Sinhalese against the Tamil minority is taken into public ownership.

Using a technique said to have been pioneered by the British to deal with the damage left by the Second World War, the Sri Lankans intend to channel funds into factories and commercial premises to get them working again as quickly as possible. In return, the state will take a majority equity shareholding in the business.

It has been estimated that 100,000 people are out of work because of the destruction of Tamil-owned industry, and the Government is anxious to put them back to work.

Mr Ronnie de Mel, the Finance Minister, met a group of aid donor countries and fund organizations in Colombo last night to raise money for rebuilding.

In the meantime Tamils who fled to refugee camps to escape the terror inflicted on them by their neighbours are being sped to the north by a fast-developing boat-lift.

Already, 14,239 refugees have been taken to Jaffna, which is predominantly Tamil. The population of the camps has been reduced from around 130,000 last week to an expected 10,000 by the end of this week.

● **Presidents admission:** President Jayewardene said in a television interview yesterday that troops and police had sometimes encouraged the anti-Tamil violence (Reuters reports).

"The curfew was not enforced strictly", the President told a BBC interviewer in Sri Lanka. "I think there was a big anti-Tamil feeling among the forces, and they felt that shooting the Sinhalese who were rioting would have been anti-Sinhalese, and actually in some cases we saw them encouraging them."

He said he was sending his brother as an emissary to Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister. "Her Southern Indian states have caused a lot of trouble talking of an invasion," he said. "They are helping the terrorists. I told her that they are harbouring them. That's not a friendly act at all."

The President also spoke of threats against his life.



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Treatment for asthma has been proved useless. There is no preventive measure for multiple sclerosis. But this second of three articles on alternative medicine shows renewed hope

New path to the roots of illness

By Ruth West and Brian Inglis

Anybody contemplating a visit to a practitioner of alternative medicine is likely to ask: "Which type of therapy is suitable for me?" And this ordinarily means, "Which type is most likely to cure me?" — to get rid of arthritis or asthma or whatever it may be.

There are therapists who practise almost exclusively as symptom-removers: osteopaths and chiropractors who by a simple twist or thrust can restore mobility; hypnotists who can banish, for a time, the craving for a cigarette. But most insist it is necessary to look for the cause of the lumbago or the craving for a smoke, if the problem is not to recur.

Alternative therapists preach, and many practise, holistic medicine, with its emphasis on psychological and social factors which contribute so much to the genesis of physical as well as emotional disorders.

Nevertheless most people who try an alternative therapy for the first time do so because they have either a nagging virus illness, or one of what are loosely called the degenerative disorders. It is these which have baffled medical science.

If your doctor tells you that you have a virus, what he ordinarily means is that he does not know what is the matter with you, and that if it is a virus, there's nothing he can do except prescribe painkillers, pain-killers and tranquilizers — or even antibiotics, useless though they are for a virus.

One of modern medicine's most notorious failures has been with respiratory disorders. That we can put men on the moon but cannot find a cure for the common cold has become embossed as a cliché; bronchitis has similarly eluded effective treatment. And last summer the *Lancet* bemoaned the fact that the "sacred cows" in the treatment of severe asthma have been shown to be useless and even dangerous.

"There is no preventive measure or definite treatment that will alter the course of multiple sclerosis," the *New England Journal of Medicine* sadly admitted last November. With MS, migraine and many more, even the term "treatment" has largely fallen out of use, to be replaced by "management" of the disorder — a stark admission of helplessness.

In spite of the fund-raising organizations' glowing claims, it has come to be realized that surgery and radiation, the conventional treatment of cancer, have made no perceptible difference to the

mortality rate in the commoner forms of the disease. "Breast cancer remains a common and often fatal disease, and the evidence that developments in its treatment have had a favourable effect on the duration and quality of survival remains disappointing," the *Lancet* lamented in 1981. A survey of the evidence did not suggest even that earlier diagnosis leads to an improved chance of survival.

Because it appears that orthodoxy has little or nothing to offer in the treatment of a wide range of illnesses, the media has examined the potential of alternative medicine more sympathetically, as in the recent television series about the Bristol Cancer Help Centre.

So long as it was believed that radical mastectomy and radiation worked, those who experimented with alternative therapies could be criticized as endangering lives. But that argument has collapsed, now that it is realized the benefits from conventional treatment are marginal and the adverse reactions ugly.

The attractions of alternative therapies are best illustrated by examining three diseases, heart diseases, allergy and arthritis.

Heart disease

As the recent television series has emphasized, heart attacks constitute the biggest health threat of our time, killing between 400 and 500 people every day.

In the *British Medical Journal* nine months ago, Professor J R A Mitchell of Nottingham University showed just how useless, and often lethal, conventional treatment of heart disease has been. Though the article has been greeted with hostility, no one has effectively rebutted Mitchell.

"We must not allow the Nottingham nihilism to stifle our curiosity," a Papworth hospital consultant recently pleaded in the *BMJ* — the sort of criticism which is an admission that cardiologists are groping in the dark.

The treatment of heart disease is centred in hospitals, and yet most people who die of heart attacks are dead before they reach hospital — a powerful indictment of this focus lies in the evidence of controlled experiments which show that the survival rate is no higher among heart attack victims who have been hospitalized than among those who have not.

Heart disease has roots in lifestyle. Those who smoke, consume too much animal fat and salt and too little fibre, and who take too little exercise, are at most risk. Epidemiologists are becoming convinced of this, alternative therapists, naturopaths, in particular have claimed it all along.

One of the most crucial factors in causing heart disease is the personality of the patient. It is the "Type A" individual who cannot relax, and consequently drives his heart too hard, who is at risk.

According to an important experi-

ment reported earlier this year in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, "meditation, yoga and progressive relaxation" can convert "Type A's" into "Type B's", reducing their blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels, and significantly reducing the risk of a heart attack. Professor Herbert Benson of Harvard has called these methods "the relaxation response".

This discovery is significant, because another important experiment, this one in Chicago, had shown that mortality from heart attacks was actually higher among patients who had received drug treatment for hypertension, than those in the control group who had not had drugs.

Professor M. F. Oliver, president of the British Cardiac Society, has declared that it is not yet certain whether "the risk by drugs is greater than the uncorrected risk".

It is a risk which need not be taken. The work of Dr Chandra Patel and others in Britain, as well as the recent American experiment, has demonstrated that high blood pressure can be reduced effectively and safely by meditation and relaxation. Unfortunately few cardiologists have the hardihood to recommend such therapies, and they are rarely referred to in the specialist journals.

Allergy

Allergies represent one of orthodox medicine's most conspicuous failures.

Case histories

Arthritis

It was about nine years ago that the diagnosis of osteoarthritis of the spine and the theme of "we're sorry but you'll just have to make the most of what is essentially an extremely painful, degenerative disorder" was spelled out to me. I was then 43 years old with two children of school age. Psychologically it was also a terrible blow. The fear of landing up in a wheelchair... that I felt could only be counteracted by saying "I'll beat it".

Now I've learned differently. Going to a healer has taught me how to live with my condition. Although the last set of X-rays

show that the deterioration is continuing, it is not as rapid as expected; and what I have is the ability to live a fairly normal life. I can go for three-mile walks, get up and down stairs — with almost no pain. I don't take any painkillers (except very occasionally) and I am on no anti-inflammatories.

It was a difficult step to take to go to a healer.

I saw the healer twice a week for the first three weeks, now I just go about twice a year. You can't say it's a cure, but what happened is miraculous.

ORGANIZATIONS

The British Holistic Medical Association, 23 Harley House, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5HE. Holding its launching conference this autumn. The aims of the association include bringing together workers in the field of holistic medicine for mutual support.

The Centre for the Study of Alternative Therapies, 51 Bedford Place, Southampton, Hampshire, SO1 2DG. Its aim is "to be involved both in practice, teaching and academic research within the alternative therapies".

The Institute for Complementary Medicine, 21 Portland Place, London W1N 3AF. Set up to provide an umbrella organization for therapists practising some of the well-established therapies. Membership is through the Association for Complementary Medicine.

The K.L.E. Foundation, 23 Harley House, Marylebone Road, London NW1 5HE. Set up to encourage and raise funds for research "in fields which at present lie outside the scientific orthodoxies".

The Natural Health Network, 1 Caxton House, Caxton Lane, Limsfield, Chert, Surrey, RH8 0TD. Set up "to further, to support and to link Natural Health Centres" of which there are about 50 in the UK.

The Research Council for Complementary Medicine, 37 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HW. Set up to encourage research into "longstanding and well-structured therapies".

The Alternative Medicine Exhibition, Thames Meadow, Walton Bridge, Shepperton, Middlesex. In its second year — a weekend event accepting exhibits only from "those individuals, companies and organizations who are involved with alternative medicine in a serious and ethical manner".

The Journal of Alternative Medicine, 30 Station Approach, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6NF. Published monthly, it is available on subscription.

Because allergic reactions commonly occur in response to innocuous substances such as pollen or cat fur, they were not taken seriously by doctors until very recently. Sufferers were often told they were simply being neurotic. No method of prevention has been found, other than avoiding the allergy "trigger", and no effective treatment, apart from what is euphemistically called "management" by symptom-crushers.

The medical profession still tries to brush allergy under the carpet. "No suitable training exists," the *Lancet* has complained in an editorial. And there are "considerable differences of opinion" about management, even among those few who are regarded as specialists.

For the past few years Dr Richard Mackarness has been campaigning to alert the profession and the public to food as a source of allergy — something which many alternative therapists, particularly naturopaths, have been claiming for years. But by calling his book *Not All in the Mind*, Mackarness has missed the point, many naturopaths say. The "trigger" is not the shellfish or the gluten alone; often it is related to some, occasion of stress, which precipitates the attack.

Arthritis

Given the ugly record of steroids and anti-inflammatory drugs — Open being only the most notorious of those which have been withdrawn from the market recently because of their side-effects — more arthritis sufferers are trying out alternative therapies, in particular healing, homeopathy, naturopathy and acupuncture. (Arthritis is also the disorder for which there is probably the largest number of quack remedies.)

Experiments in Glasgow have shown that homeopathy, treatment by very small doses of drugs that in larger doses produce the disease, can be significantly more effective than conventional treatment. Three times as many patients fared better with homeopathy; furthermore none of them dropped out owing to side-effects, whereas 40 per cent of those conventionally treated dropped out.

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Tomorrow: the NHS view

It is dry, dusty and deliberate way, the Advisory Commission on Pollution of the Sea, has just issued its annual report for 1982. Of the Gulf oil spill it writes: "Although the leading crude is said to be heavy, environmental damage may well be slight. The hot conditions result in rapid degradation and the coasts are sparsely inhabited. Globally, the world depression and consequent economic in the use of oil has reduced the volume of oil which has been consumed and transported."

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Thinking on a grand scale



Testimony at the recent trial of John Aspinall on charges arising from the deaths of two keepers at Howletts Zoo demonstrated all too clearly how conservationist zeal and pathetic fallacy can combine to generate extreme visionary fervour. Not even the most eminent scientist is immune, for some reason, marine biologists seem especially vulnerable.

The syndrome is far from new, but even so those who attended the normally soporific annual meeting of the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society last year were startled when Dr Sidney Holt, addressing himself to the question of "Why really threaten whales and seals?" launched into a semi-mystical reverie on the unity of life.

His paper, reprinted in a recent issue of the society's journal *Oryx*, charted the history of whaling agreements and anti-whaling campaigns through most of this century before speculating that marine science might "reveal in totally unexpected ways how we evolved, where we now stand in the living universe, and even where we might be going". The hypothesis that man might have descended from a marine ancestor had been mooted for a long time "but put together a scenario for human aquatic evolution we need to know much more about secondary mammalian adaptation to aquatic habitats. That

is where the benign study of cetaceans and seals comes in". To the astonishment of many, Dr Holt then started talking about elephants. Perhaps they, too, had an aquatic origin. "Elephants, hornbills and toothed cetaceans all have big brains, long memories, extended parental care of offspring and conscious control of complex vocalizations. Baleen whales perhaps also have those qualities. Is the evolution of intelligent communication and cultural transmission on this planet tightly linked with apprenticeships in the sea...?"

"Perhaps even if we no longer threaten sperm whales with extinction, we are already well on the way to destroying their culture as surely as the European invaders destroyed the cultures of the Maya and the Aztec, without entirely exterminating the peoples. Perhaps it is UNESCO, rather than FAO or UNEP which, in the United Nations family, should now be taking the leading interest in cetaceans..."

Sea trials

Not that passion in environmental matters is unique to biologists. The organizers of a Russell-style International Water Tribunal, to be held in Rotterdam in October, are as driven, in their deliberate way, as the scientist who professes to see the universe in a grain of ambergris, or Heaven in a sand dollar. British Nuclear Fuels is one of perhaps a score of companies to be "tried" by the tribunal for polluting the world's oceans and inland waterways. The charges against BNFL are likely to centre around radioactive discharges from Windscale into the North and Irish seas, alleged by the

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plaintiffs to be between 100 and 1,000 times higher than those permitted at Europe's only other reprocessing plant, at Cap de la Hague, France.

Great debate

A "public hearing" on the state of the world's environment, brought 90 environmentalists to London's County Hall for a two-day debate last summer. It was in observance of the bureaucratic upheaval that had culminated in the Stockholm Conference and the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme 10 years previously, and its conclusions were predictable. But there was some splendid rhetoric reverberating around the South Bank, and recent publication of an edited account of the proceedings by Tycooly International, Dublin, brings a new opportunity to savour some of the juicier bits.

In particular, Peter Jay, acting as moderator, delivered an opening address that became an instant minor classic: "People, ordinary people, want to know what is happening, does it matter, how does

it affect them and what can be done about it... More concretely, they want to know the answers to questions like: is it just that there are too many people? Is it, alternatively, that some or all of us are in some way misbehaving? They want to know whether it's our fate to be poisoned, suffocated, drowned or starved. They want to know whether we're growing to grow richer or poorer."

"People want to know whether we're all going to have to emigrate to some other planet in order to survive at all, and indeed whether, before we even find out the answers to these questions, we may first blow ourselves up. They want to know we, the global family, all in this together, or do our needs and interests necessarily conflict? They want to know can Marxists and capitalists agree or is it all part of the ideological struggle? They want to know whether North or South with South or whether one man's fresh air and clean water has to be another man's lost livelihood and starving children. And, finally, they want to know where are the leaders?"

'Mermaids' die

The World Wildlife Fund, predictably, waxes emotional over the death of more than 50 dolphins in the Gulf, almost certainly victims of the oil spill that has put hundreds of barrels of crude into the water daily since February. The state of war in the region has made it impossible to assess the damage, or to repair the three wells involved. "Virtually the entire known Gulf population of this rare marine mammal" has been destroyed, says WWF. "The du-



gong, or sea cow, is a gentle animal that suckles its young at the breast. It is thought to be the origin of the mermaid myth."

Fewer spills

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Great mysteries of our time

We are often told that science will solve the great problems of our times sooner or later. What we are never told is who is going to solve the little problems of our times. In case any such authority does exist, I would like to list some of the small mysteries that most worry me.

● Why is it impossible to design an airport trolley or a supermarket trolley that goes straight?

● Why is it that we wash our faces with warm water and our teeth with cold water?

● Why does it always happen that when an aeroplane comes to a dead halt all the passengers jump to their feet even though they know they are going to remain standing motionless for the next 10 minutes, instead of getting back into the seats they have just vacated?

● Why are jazz performances always prolonged by the desire of every player in the group to play his last note even though they know the drummer will always win at the end?

● Why do dog-owners cry out: "He won't hurt you" just as their animal leaps on you and plants his teeth in the nearest available limb?

● Why do we never see signposts on the road reading "Slough and the East" or "Hatfield and the South"?

● What do engine drivers do during those long, unexplained stops in the middle of the country?

● What is the secret of design that enables teapots to dribble tea down their spouts onto the table instead of into the cup?

● What do firemen on engines do now there are no fires?

● Why is a man with an overdraft said to be borrowing from the bank whereas if he has a healthy account it never occurs to the bank that they are borrowing from him?

● Why is the most commonly asked question in Britain ("How are you?") one that nobody ever wants the answer to?

● Why are the objects attached to hotel keys now so big and heavy that it is impossible to get the key to the room to alone lose it?

● Why do men wear ties?

● Why are things more expensive in duty-free shops than in real life?

● Why is white wine called white wine?

● Why are pornographic films labelled "adult"?

● Why is *The Sun* called a newspaper?

● Why is anything ever called the best thing since sliced bread?

● Why does perforating a sheet of paper with a line of holes make that paper harder to tear, especially along the line of holes?

● Why has Arsenal Football Club changed its name to Hithachi?

● Why do the British always go to look for the sun when there is most sun at home?

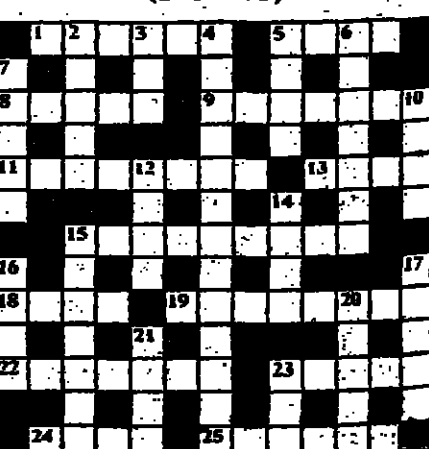
● Why do butchers and fishmongers always close early and bicycle shops and chemists always stay open late?

● Why do British Rail's guards announce the destination of trains just after they have started, at a time when the information is at its least useful to anyone?

● Why do British Rail porters at main-line stations always end up on trolleys marked "For passengers use only"?

● Why do lists like this always end up criticizing British Rail even though the writer is a keen railway fan?

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FASHION

The much discussed Theatre Museum hopes to display some of the stunning costumes from past productions. Today, guest writer Georgina Howell looks at the impact made by British costume designers in the modern medium of cinema and TV film, and at how much time and effort is involved.

Pretty as a picture

It is 13 years since MGM's worldly goods were dispersed in a \$10m auction, and Judy Garland's ruby slippers from *The Wizard of Oz* went for \$15,000, still the highest sum of money paid anywhere for part of a production costume.

The 1970s, which opened on that note, continued as a decade of reassessment and marked a rising interest in all categories of fashion. Clothes at the Victoria & Albert Museum had been elevated from glass cases to a costume court in 1961, and the staff noticed that at Cecil Beaton's 1971 Anthology of Fashion exhibition, the public were at least as eager to see Audrey Hepburn's Ascot dress from *My Fair Lady* as they were to see Fortuny's and Schiaparelli's real life innovations. Then in 1976 came the biggest of all costume exhibitions, Diana Vreeland's Romantic and Glamorous Hollywood Design at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and a record 800,000 visitors were able to enjoy the truth of Irving Thalberg's remark that you can get away with anything if you make it historical.

The observation is peculiarly American. British costume design is more firmly grounded, deriving from a unique tradition of history and literature via the spectacular "historical" effects of the nineteenth-century theatre. We probably have more first rate costume designers than any other country, and there is more work for them than there was 10 years ago — more American productions here in pursuit of a good rate of exchange, the appropriate architecture and untrammelled vistas of countryside, more television channels, more commercials. They are doing well on the British film front, too, because of the need to appeal to the American market, which means a shift in focus from the insular and current (and virtually costume-less) to the nostalgic and universal, like *Chariots of Fire* and *Gandhi*.

The gulf between designing for television and movies began to close with the coming of colour to television, BBC 2 in 1964 and BBC 1 four years later. "Costumes" split into two departments — wardrobe and make up — and both rapidly took on staff. "When I went to the Beeb in 1964 it was just a backroom servicing corner", remembers Judy Moorcroft, now an independent costume designer (*The Europeans*, *Quarter*, now working on the costumes for David Lean's *Passage to India*). "There was a hierarchy whereby the set designers were a creative part of the crew but the costume designer knew his place and kept quiet. Now the dialogue

between set and costume designer is well established and everyone knows that if you don't listen to the costume designer at production meetings you could lose a lot of money."

The credit for the first step up for costume designers in television is usually given to John Bloomfield, an ex-law student and ex-carpenter from Birmingham, who was chosen to design the clothes for the first big colour production *The Six Wives of Henry VIII*, which won two major costume awards. "It is the designer's job to help the audience to work things out," says John Bloomfield. "I set out to remind them who was who by dressing the Seymours in green, the Howards in red, and when the king was married to one or other he'd be in green-gold or red-gold."

Today the technical problems that used to separate television from film designers are reduced to a minimum.

"You have more control in a movie, because there is just one camera," says Judy Moorcroft. "Otherwise the differences are obvious ones. Even on a big television screen the figure won't be more than a foot high, so it's a close-up medium. Hats are important, shoes less so. For a film you must watch every detail. A spot of make up on a man's collar can make you squirm a lot when you see it at the Odeon Leicester Square."

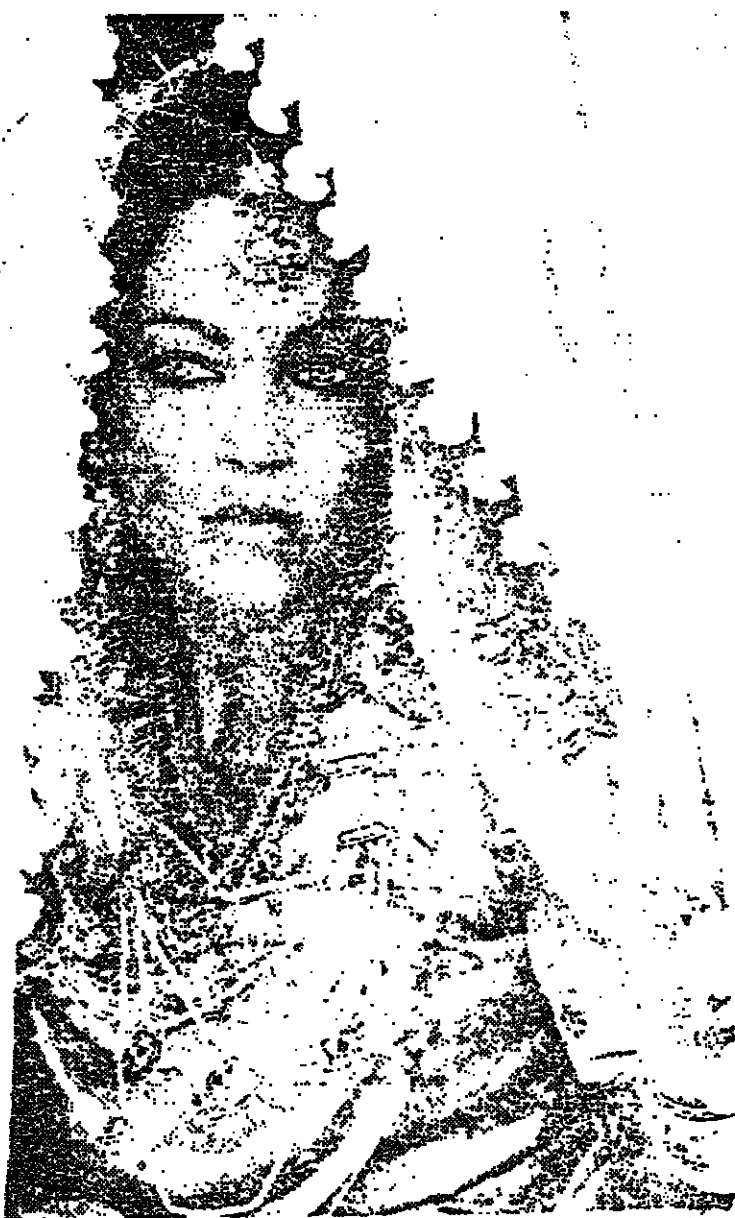
Television does the small-roomed dramas to perfection — Jane Austen, Dickens, Trollope — but the distinctions are blurring as more films are being made as co-productions between television and cinema to spread the costs, as happened recently with Channel 4 and the British Film Institute's *Draughtman's Contract*. When you consider that the costumes for the three episode epic *The Far Pavilions* (a Goldcrest production simultaneously filmed for Channel 4, where it can be seen in January) account for 2% per cent of the budget at £350,000, the need to defray the cost becomes brutally clear. Most of the good independent costume designers today are happy to work for either medium and acknowledge that television series such as *Upstairs Downstairs* and *The Pallisers* have educated the public to recognize period accuracy when they see it.

More than half of Britain's top 15 costume designers began their careers at BBC Television, which has consistently produced quality. The costume department today is run kindly but firmly in true Auntie fashion by Maggie McPherson, a 36-year-old ex-personnel officer, who explained the scale of the department. "Costume is just one part of a design and scenic services group", she told me. "With a permanent staff of 300, I'm the first head of department who has been interested in management and has not been a practising designer." Costume and make up, she said, have stayed an immensely long and laborious business while other departments have become computerized.

"The jobs we do range from supplying an adviser to go shopping with a Playaway presenter at one end of the scale to costuming a vast project such as the coming *Bleak House* which will start a year's production in the autumn. For that we have allocated Michael Burdell, who did *The Borgias*. One of our most delicate tasks is to decide which of our designers shall be given the chance to make his name with a major project."

"The stresses of a big production can be overwhelming, and the toll it takes on a designer can be frightening", she says. "We make it a point to transfer the designer from a big production to something small and comparatively limiting for his next job. Joyce Mortlock, for instance, went straight from *Nancy Astor to Terry and June*."

Like the distinguished desig-



RAYMOND HUGHES

Above: at Barmans & Nathans He designed the costumes for the Goldcrest/Channel 4 film *The Far Pavilions*, to be seen on television in January. Amy Irving as Princess Anjuli is pictured left. "It seems as though I have been working on 'Pavilions' all my life. To begin with there were 200 English cavalry uniforms to be made. Then I went to India. For six months I lived in the Raj Mahal Palace in Jaipur, with 48 Indians sewing the old ankhs and phirans on the balcony. In India in 1872 there were 625 states, each with its strictly individual mode of dress."



LIZ WALLER

Right, designed the remarkable costumes for television's *Elizabeth R*.

Pictured above are two of her costumes for Sam Neill and Celia Gregory in *Riley - Ace of Spies* a twelve part series for Thames TV, to be seen from September 5.

"Designing for the theatre is leisurely and civilized compared to television. There are photocalls, dress calls, and a dress rehearsal. For television you'll probably find that the actor doesn't get a chance to wear everything together — wigs, shoes, costume and make-up — until the very day of filming. As a designer your great value is not simply delivering the goods on time. You rush to your maker with four drawings of suits and mounds of fabric, shouting 'It's 1910!' and tear off to get the shoes and shirts."

"When we did *Elizabeth R*, I launched into a tremendous amount of research. I was lucky because just at that moment Sir Roy Strong organized the Elizabethan icon exhibition and brought out a book full of detailed information, which was a godsend. I usually begin by collecting pictures of people of the period I am after — all classes cover all professions."



SUE BLANE

Left, working on designs for the English National Opera's *The Gambler*. She designed the costumes for the BFI/Channel 4 film *The Draughtman's Contract*. "All costumes begin with the drawing. For 'Contract' we pushed the designs to extremes to match the formality of house and garden, but it was not as expensive as it looks. We filmed in a heatwave. The actresses suffered from the tightly laced corsets, but the men were almost more uncomfortable. Their jackets alone were made of 15 metres of calico."



ner Julia Trevelyan Oman. Maggie McPherson worries about the lack of knowledgeable cutters and small part staff so crucial to the whole operation. "Good dressers are rare, people who are proud to be of assistance. Ex-artists and dancers are the best. We are looking for a mother hen, masculine or feminine, over 40, who won't panic when an artist shouts at them."

To be a costume designer, it's not enough to like the clothes. You have got to be an avid reader, fascinated by history, etiquette, architecture and characterization. Even that is not enough, said Anthony Powell, six times award winner (*Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, *Death on the Nile*). He was a student and then a lecturer at the Central School. "We had between six and seven hundred applicants for 12 places in the Theatre Design School. As a designer you're a handmaiden of the thoughts and opinions of others."

The best designers are practical, realistic people who begin by asking "What can I do in the ten days I have got?" and go on from there. But every designer has a story of a time when they managed the impossible. Shir-

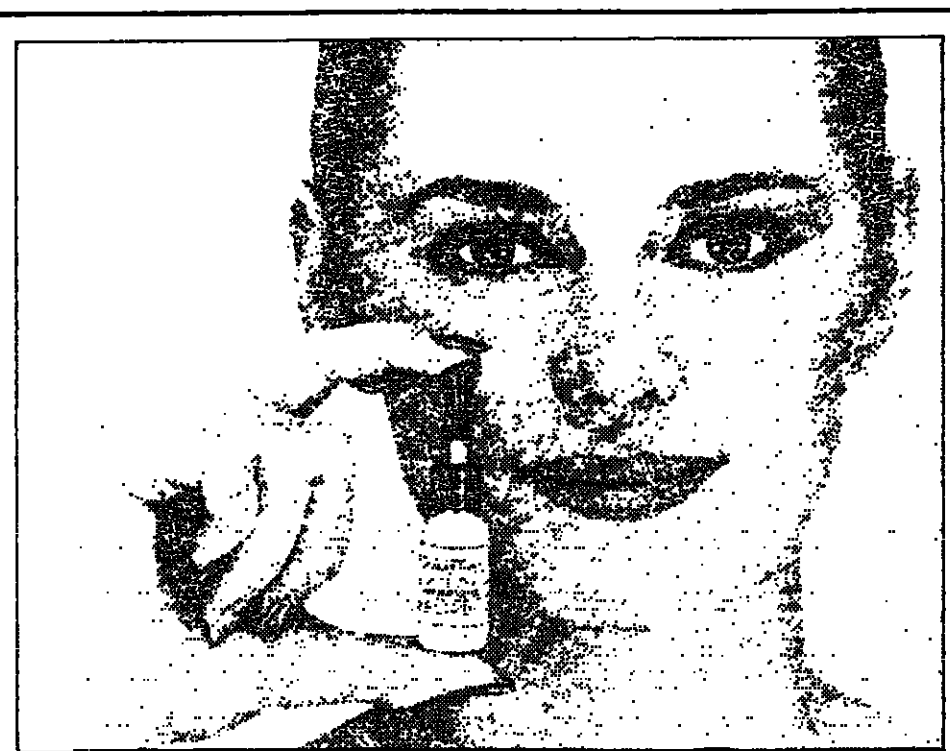
ley Russell (*Women in Love*, *Agatha, Reds*) has cut out shirts and sewn them together on mountain tops, with the crew waiting to film. Jane Robinson (*Jennie Churchill*, *Brideshead*) costumed the Jersey Skolimowski film *Moonlighting* in two hours, from Berman's and Lawrence Corner.

The bulk of the costumes come very often from Barmans (196 years old) or Morris Angel (140 years old), two much respected firms which make to order, hire and hold in embargo until the production is released, when you can rent them for fancy dress at about £20 a time. A comparative newcomer, John Bright of the 18 years old Cosprop is an ex-designer himself and has a devoted following.

A clever designer can make a costume which will almost force the actor into character, and for this reason most actors are more than happy to meet the designer halfway. On the other hand, some costumes inhibit certain emotions — it is extremely difficult to look furious in Cavalier curls and lace. Martin Baugh, head of costume at Yorkshire TV explained that there are certain key points in a costume that will help an actor

to stand and move in a way characteristic of a period. "It is a question of tensions. For a man it is the height of the collar, back of the jacket and shoes. The collar also gives him his age — if it is too big he'll look older. For women it is what they wear on their heads, the corsets and petticoats, and the current erogenous zone."

A historical costume always looks more convincing to an audience when it incorporates familiar clues to the period. As Anne Hollander points out in *Seeing Through Clothes*, Adrian's Marie Antoinette costumes for Thalberg's 1938 film, thoroughly 1930s in feeling, look authentic because everyone is wearing a wig. Similarly, Elizabeth Waller's costume for the 1973 television series *Elizabeth R* with Glenda Jackson, absolutely correct in every detail, look authentic only because everyone is wearing a ruff. Sometimes, much to the designer's surprise, he finds that the most characteristic part of a costume is incorrect. When he was researching for *I Remember Nelson* Stuart Currell, head of wardrobe at Central, went to the Maritime Museum, the Victoria and to Naples and found that Nelson never did wear an eyepatch. "He wasn't completely blind in that eye, which looked quite normal."



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THE TIMES DIARY

Wells documented

The third volume of H. G. Wells's *Experiments in Autobiography*, which has been gathering dust for almost half a century, will finally appear a year from now. Faber has paid £20,000 for what its editorial director, Robert McCrum, says are "very frank, vivid and candid memoirs". The volume could not have been published sooner since it deals in intimate detail with Wells's sexual relationships, in particular with his love affair with Dame Rebecca West, who died last March. McCrum says the manuscript reveals many other sexual liaisons and some names will have to be withheld from the book "to spare the feelings of the living".

Long arms

Britain has imposed an arms embargo on Israel since the end of June 1982. That does not prevent British firms from fishing for future orders. Menachem Eini, the retired general who heads the Lavi project to develop the Israeli air force's plane of the future, says: "We have had a proposal from Marconi which we are seriously considering." In the first instance the bid is for \$7m worth of computerized television and optical equipment to go into the cockpits of the prototype planes, the first of which are due to fly early in 1986. The value of orders to follow might be substantially greater since Israel is expected to build 300 Lavi eventually. A spokesman for the GEC subsidiary Marconi Avionics said: "We decline to comment. We do not comment on someone else's statements."

Bank role

The Theatre Royal, Stratford East, as encouraged by the Government, is looking for a sponsor to get in on the action. Nothing unusual in that, you might think, only the action they have in mind is a legal one against the Arts Council for alleged breach of contract by making a mid-year one per cent reduction in the theatre's grant. The council pleads that it was obliged to breach faith by the Government's decree that it must cut all its spending by one per cent this year. In Stratford's case the reduction wipes out the one piece of private sponsorship the theatre had managed to generate this year, and forces the cancellation of an Alan Plater play. Letters begging support for a court case, which will be important for all Arts Council clients, are going out now, but really any litigious tycoon would do.

BARRY FANTONI



"Frankly, I've always had doubts about their claims on Page Three."

Lost lament

The son of Bela Bartok is offering a reward of £500 for information leading to the return of two poems of desolation written by his father on his New York deathbed in 1945. Peter Bartok, a recording engineer living in Florida, is about to inherit his father's archives but is deeply distressed by the loss of the poems. "I saw them when I took an inventory in my father's room after his death," he says. "There were six or eight poems in an envelope on the desk. One began: 'Lament in a foreign land', the other: 'A black carriage passes on a dark meadow'. I don't know if he wrote any music for them, but they reflected his terrible loneliness in exile and, perhaps, his sense of impending death. Everything in that room went into a trunk, and no one has heard of the poems since."

John Hawkins received a letter from the Grand Hotel Osborne in Knokke-le-Zoute, Belgium: "...A member of the staff is warning children when parents are out, it is a very kind and devoted person. I hope to be honored with your reservation and remains. Yours sincerely."

Dead slow

Sir Peter Parker, no less, can cap my note yesterday about the InterCity guard advising passengers that if they got their heads knocked off they would have to collect them themselves. The chairman's tale is of a guard embarrassed at a delay caused by a suicide throwing herself under the train. He eventually announced: "British Rail regret the delay. There has been a fertility on the line."

As an even-handed antidote to the funny food listed on foreign menus, Bob Erdlandson points out that no further away than exotic Soho it is possible to enjoy Steamed Dick with Vegetables at the Jubilee Dragon in Gerrard Place, while in Peckham, where P. G. Walters tackled Vel Gordon Blue, still, that was much the same dish as Alan Burns found at the Bee Fin in Ajaccio listed as Scallop of Veal Blue String, which ties it up nicely.

PHS

Twopence for their thoughts

by Lord Harris of Greenwich



have our own constituency paper and a council paper. We're also starting up our own alternative paper to the *Islington Gazette*, as a cooperative.

But Mrs Veness and her colleagues faced a serious difficulty. When officials of the borough council met representatives of the cooperative in April, it became clear that the £100,000 they designed for grants and loans towards the acquisition of property and the cost of refurbishment could not be provided (since then the total cost has risen to about £200,000). The borough solicitor told the council's employment grants and financial assistance sub-committee that it had no statutory power to help the cooperative.

However, he added that this problem was about to be rectified. A small Government Bill designed to amend a section of the Local Government Act, 1973 - the Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers) Bill, then before Parliament, would confer (quite unintentionally) just the powers the council required.

Section 137 is the provision under which, in defined circumstances, a council can make up to a 2p rate available for grants for purposes which are of general benefit to its community. The new Bill widened councils' powers, under this section, so as to allow them to provide financial assistance towards the acquisition of land and the carrying out of building work; and this was precisely what the Islington cooperative needed.

To the chagrin of Islington council, progress on this Bill was slowed down by Mr George Cunningham, then the SDP member for Islington South, supported by two Conservative MPs on the standing committee. Mr Cunningham explained how Islington proposed to misuse the proposed power, and Sir George Young, the environment department junior minister, undertook to consider whether the Bill could be amended to prevent such action being taken. When Mrs Thatcher announced the date of the general election, the Government attempted to force the

unamended Bill through in the dying days of the last Parliament, but it was frustrated by Mr Cunningham.

Soon after the election, the Department of the Environment reintroduced the unamended Bill. This time there was no George Cunningham in the House of Commons; by the narrowest of margins, he had failed to be re-elected. The Bill secured a speedy passage, and arrived in the House of Lords just 10 days before the summer recess. It was rushed into law within that period. But this time, the Government was 'compelled' to answer the question: was it really prepared to allow Islington, and like-minded councils, to spend public money in this fashion?

Islington was denounced in robust terms by Lord Belville, the local government minister. I could not quarrel with his rhetoric, but why were councils to be given the power? And why was the Government determined to prevent this Bill from being amended so that such conduct would be unlawful?

Well, the Bill was "technical" and there was an urgent need to amend the law. The urgency was caused by the environment department's anxiety to appease the local government associations, which wanted the law changed for entirely sound reasons. Because the Government's relations with the associations were under strain as a result of impending rate-capping proposals, the department wanted to press ahead with the Bill with utmost speed. It was determined to prevent amendments in the Lords that would hold up royal assent until the autumn and thus, it was feared, anger the local authority associations.

So, after all Lord Belville's sound and fury directed at left-wing councils, he used his majority in the Lords to vote down an amendment that would have prevented councils from using public money in this manner.

Many cross-bench peers voted with the Alliance against the Government and so, to their credit, did five Labour peers. Two former Conservative ministers, Lord Boyd-Carpenter and Lord Rawlinson, expressed their serious concern (Lord Rawlinson describing Islington's behaviour as "an absolute public scandal") and declined to support the Government.

And so, a Government pledged by Mrs Thatcher to take a firm stand against left-wing extremism gave statutory authority for councils to give loans and grants to left-wing local newspapers. Mrs Thatcher, and her senior colleagues, have almost certainly been told nothing of this; indeed it is inconceivable that a department would have served the assent of a cabinet minister for such a Bill, if it had known its full implications.

But as it is, a small newspaper in Islington will have to fight for its life against a publicly subsidized giveaway newspaper. And what will happen in Islington could be repeated in Lambeth, Hackney, Southwark and the other authorities dominated by the left. It is an episode that reflects little credit on the Department of the Environment, or on Parliament.

The author, a former Home Office minister, is a member of the SDP.

Roger Scruton

Going white after red-blooded conflict

Of all the conflicts that have shaken the civilized world, that between claret and burgundy has probably been the most beneficial. It is at once easily resolved and endlessly renewable. It begins in pleasure, and ceases in sleep, passing meanwhile through a glorious interlude of beligerent intoxication. Language, literature, history - all are brought to bear on this vital dispute, which has absorbed the after-dinner energies of countless politicians and businessmen, so stalling for a few precious hours the dangerous projects of production and reform.

Men need conflict. The essential requirement of civilization is to provide matter for conflicts which, while instructive and agreeable to those who are engaged in them, can do no conceivable damage to those who are not. The present conflict is one of the most educationally valuable that I know. What could better illustrate the need for a classical education than the rival claims of Chateau Ausone and Mercurie, the one named from the estate of a Roman poet, the other from the temple of a Roman god? What could stir the English speaker's sense of history more effectively than Chateau Talbot, named from the great Earl of Shrewsbury, Haut-Brion, which might really be O'Brien; or the sheer originality of names like Boyd-Contencan and Lynch-Bages? What could more poignantly remind us of the voice of poetry, than the great names of Burgundy - Vougeot, Chambertin, Meursault, Chambolle-Musigny, Les Amoureuses (a wine that generally lives up to the promise of its name)?

Beneficial though this conflict has been in the annals of our history, however, it is also to be regretted. For it is only the red wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy that can be fruitfully compared. The white wines are eclipsed by enthusiasts which largely disregard them. As a result one of the highest achievements of western culture has been shrouded in ignorance. I am referring to white burgundy, without whose assistance it would be impossible for a philosopher to compress his thoughts into the measure laid down by the editor of *The Times*.

Naturally, anyone who encounters Le Montrachet will know that he is in the presence of the greatest white wine that mere mortals could make - at least he will know this if he is fortunate enough to taste vintage like those of 1959 and 1961. Most amateurs would also admit that there are white wines made in the Cote d'Or - Corton-Charlemagne, Bâtard-Montrachet, Meursault-Perrieres - which, while not strictly comparable to Le Montrachet, deserve to be drunk with the same beligerent gratitude for the human condition as inspires and refreshes the conflict between claret and burgundy. Two important facts, however, are not generally understood.

The first is that white burgundies are incomparably better value than reds, the rich white wines of Auxey-Duresses and Santenay, or the

minor domages of Meursault, can sometimes be obtained for as little as £6 a bottle. Should you be seeking for red wine, then, at that price you must certainly choose claret.

The second, and more important fact - more important, that is, for those concerned not merely with the survival but with the spread of civilization - is that truly great white burgundies exist, which almost anyone can afford. These wines are grown not in the Cote d'Or, but to the north of it in Chablis, and to the south of it in the Cote Chalonnaise. The essential characteristics of good white burgundy are three: a flavour as full and rich as is compatible with disciplined dryness; a bouquet that is neither sharp nor flowery, but rounded and heady, with a lingering suggestion of mouldy vegetation; and a dry, nutty after-taste, which returns after many hours, enriched with associations like the memory of a passionate kiss. These three qualities are rarely combined in a single experience, and it is arguable that only the Chardonnay grape can really unite them. It is the use of this grape, rather than the strict criteria of geography, that lead me to describe Chablis as a white burgundy.

The lesser wines of Chablis are of course well known for their crisp invigorating taste. But it is not widely appreciated that, in remarkable years like 1978, the wines of Chablis fill out, acquiring the three dimensions of taste which I have mentioned, and becoming equal at their best to the very greatest products of the Cote d'Or. Already those designated *premier cru* manage to combine the pebbly forest of Chablis with some of the lingering after-taste of the great southern vintages. But for a little extra money (the sum may be no more than £7 a bottle) the *grand cru* - with four peasant names like Bougros - can be obtained. Such wines equal the best products of the Cote d'Or, and in a good year may even surpass them. Unfortunately the widespread ignorance of their merit, which causes them to be so usefully underpriced, makes their manufacture far less profitable than justice requires. Hence the future of these great wines is increasingly precarious. I therefore urge the readers of *The Times* to lend full-throated support to this vital component of our culture.

While the English drinking public has begun to appreciate the white wines of the Maconnais, and to realize that St Veran and Macon-Generveux are the equals of Pouilly-Fuisse, it has yet to discover the treasures that lie to the north of that region, in the Cote Chalonnaise. True, Montagny is now a familiar name. But how often does one encounter a white Fully, a white Buxy, or a white Mercey, whose Elos du Petit Clou can easily be mistaken for the finest Meursault? The greatest of these wines sell for less than cheap Champagne, and provide, by contrast, a grandeur and fullness of experience which may redeem even the vile dog days of a hot London summer.

Edward Mortimer

Why the Alliance must save Labour

Eighteen months ago, when the SDP-Liberal Alliance was taking votes equally from the two other parties, its vocation seemed to be to establish itself as a centre party. But after the general election in which it pulled the Labour Party down almost equal to it in votes cast, while leaving the Tory vote largely intact, many people wrote and talked as if its vocation were to destroy and replace Labour. The collapse of the Labour vote, at Penrith has further encouraged such talk, even though the Tories' lost most votes in that by-election.

Yet as a member of the SDP, I question whether such an objective is either attainable or desirable. It is not desirable because it would leave an embittered ramp of trade unionists and intellectuals, probably 10 or 15 per cent of the electorate, on the margin of British politics. It is not attainable because it would take longer than the electorate is prepared to wait.

Some SDP leaders, at least in private, are now even aspiring to form a government in 1988 but just to establish the Alliance as "Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition". That implies a third consecutive term of Tory, presumably Thatcherite, rule. If you think the electorate will settle for that, you might as well join the Conservative Party now.

Why, in any case, should the Alliance aspire to replace the Labour Party? Such thinking is a product of the electoral system, which the Alliance purports to be determined to break; the system which produced the two-party system and is kept alive in order to perpetuate it. If one rejects the electoral system, as the Alliance claims to, then one must be prepared to accept a multi-party system with the probability of coalition government at least part of the time.

In a multi-party system the SDP should have a place, whether merged with the Liberals or not, in the left-centre of the political spectrum. The problem is how to get there from here, given that the two parties which have done well out of the existing system will not change it to do us a favour. At the moment, the Conservative Party is riding high, while the Labour Party appears to be on the ropes.

That makes it seem obvious that the Alliance's best chance is for the Labour decline to continue. But it is not. The Labour vote is so heavily concentrated in certain parts of the country that it can contract quite a bit further without losing large numbers of seats.

Most of the seats which the

Alliance has a reasonable chance of winning in the next election are at present Tory-held; and the best chance of winning them lies in simultaneously winning over disillusioned Tory voters and persuading people who voted Labour this time to switch to the Alliance - the famous tactical vote advocated by the *New Statesman* to get the Tories out. In other words, a pooling of Labour and Alliance support.

Clearly a lot of that happened, in the general election and at Penrith. But it is hardly reasonable to expect it to go much further in the next election if the Alliance appears to be interested only in displacing Labour as Her Majesty's Opposition. What the Alliance should be offering, to make voting for it seem worthwhile, is the prospect of a centre-left coalition to replace the Tories; a government that would set about reversing what is left of the welfare state and rebuilding what has been destroyed.

If the Alliance tries to pretend that it can do this without the Labour Party, it will put itself in the position which social democrats in Italy have suffered from ever since the war, and in France until 1981, where they faced the choice between remaining for ever in opposition, or governing in coalition with the right.

The Labour Party in this election got almost exactly the same share of the poll as the communists got in Italy on June 26. Even if it were reduced to the size of the French Communist Party (20 per cent until 1978, 15 per cent in 1981), it would still be enough to deny the Alliance a majority, especially under PR which the Alliance is pledged to introduce. François Mitterrand solved this problem in France by forcing the communists to support him on his own terms. Their leaders did not want to, but they dared not take responsibility before their own voters for keeping the right in power. At some time between now and 1988 the Alliance will have to do the same to the Labour Party. After all, it was only through the Lib-Lab pact that Labour itself first became a significant parliamentary force in 1966. The Alliance now needs to repeat that operation in reverse, by offering Labour an electoral pact based on agreed minimum programme, one item of which must be PR, so that never again can a Tory leader claim a landslide mandate on the basis of a minority vote.

If Labour's leaders refuse this, it will be for them to explain to their own supporters why they should not vote Alliance and throw Maggie out.

China: doing it by the book again

By creating a personality cult of Deng Xiaoping, China's most celebrated enemy of personality cults. Peking has handed Moscow's propagandists a made-to-measure opportunity for anti-Chinese derision.

For several years the Dengists have revered the Mao-worship which marked the two decades before the chairman's death in late 1976. They reserved special contempt for the Little Red Book of Mao quotations which is condemned nowadays for crippling national development for 20 years by preventing original thought.

Now the party is printing 12,000,000 copies of the *Selected Works of Deng Xiaoping*. China's paramount political figure although he no longer holds the very highest offices of state. The *Selected Works* consists of 43 speeches, 39 of them never before published, given between 1975 and 1982.

The party, bureaucracy, and the armed forces have been ordered to memorize them, and China's top officials vie with each other to praise their newest hero in terms not heard since the death of Mao.

Mao was the Great Helmsman, the Great Teacher, and the Red Red Sun in Our Hearts. Deng has become the Grassman, the Initiator, and the Chief Designer.

Western China watchers have tended to dismiss the new personality cult as no more than the resumption of a quaint Chinese custom. It is undoubtedly a measure of Deng's desperation with the progress of his pragmatic reforms that he has had to adopt methods which he once so reviled and give China's chief enemy such ammunition.

The Russians can probably scarcely credit their good luck.

Medicine is a conjunct art, not a science. Medieval jocosity: "If you want to be cured of I don't know what, take this herb of I don't know what name, apply it I don't know where, and you will be cured I don't know when." Only in their nomenclature and jargon are doctors bewilderingly scientific, partly in order to blind laymen with their science. Language and medicine seem to go together. Doctors are leoplogies and wordsmiths. Some of my most prolific and entertaining correspondents about new words and meanings are quacks.

Medical jargon tends to be correctly derived from the ancient classics, since doctors tend to be scholars, if not scientists. Proper sequipedalian jaw-cracker the word may be, as "adiadochokinesis". But anybody with a bit of Greek can work out that it means an inability to perform movements one after another, an inability to arrest one

"First August Radio," which purports to be a clandestine Chinese army station manned by disgruntled Maoists, is really a Soviet confection operating from Siberia. It has pinpointed the paradox in the campaign to build the four-foot ten-inch Deng into an ideological giant.

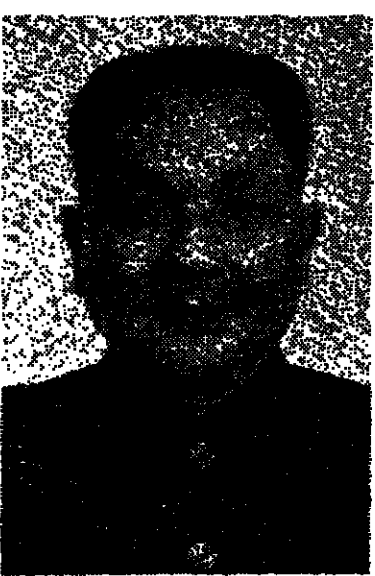
"Most strange," the Russian black propagandists broadcast recently, "are the claims in several articles in the *Selected Works* that personality cults brought near disaster to the whole party and the people." The broadcast recalled, too, Deng's scorn for the cult created by Mao's self-proclaimed successor, Hua Guofeng, and ended by quoting Marx on historical mistakes which appear first as tragedy and later as farce.

These are well-aimed blows. Deng has indeed spoken severely of Mao's vainglorious last 20 years (although he claims to reverse Mao thought) and of Hua Guofeng's "whatsoeverism," which held that anything the late chairman ever said or did was gospel.

Now, "First August Radio" notes triumphantly, "someone in the central organs has created a 'new whatsoeverism' whatever utterances are made by a certain person must be complied with."

Unfortunately for the Dengists, this is only too true. As the party braces itself for the upcoming three-year "consolidation" or purge, designed to winnow from its 40m-strong ranks all undesirables, Deng's *Selected Works* will be its bible.

Last week, the Central Committee proclaimed: "The study of the *Selected Works* of Xiaoping is an important ideological preparation for an overall party consolidation." It warned leading cadres to examine their pasts, even as far back as 30 years, and by "assiduously studying



Deng's photograph and signature from his *Selected Works*

the *Selected Works* be at one with the Party Central Committee." At 79, Deng remains a tough little fellow. Like many short men he fancies himself too tall. "He treats me like a dead ancestor," Mao once complained of the man who served him for 12 years as party general secretary and backed him in the worst excesses of the late 1950s: the communes and the Great Leap Forward.

He is readying his forces to fight future battles for authority, perhaps after he is gone. Several million

victims of past Maoist campaigns, some of them more than 25 years ago (and overseen by party general secretary Deng) have been rehabilitated in the past four months alone, and 470,000 party members, once disgraced, have been permitted to re-enroll. Deng is encouraging China's 800m peasants to "get rich" through private endeavour.

Academy-trained army officers are assuming commands once held by devotees of the People's War who, in Deng's dismissive phrase, still believe "all a soldier needs to fight victoriously is a bag of grain, a rifle, a grenade, and the correct attitude." One of Deng's top commanders has just admitted that for the next two decades China will not be able to defeat a properly equipped adversary.

Since the time of Confucius over 2,500 years ago, Chinese have sought wisdom from texts. Foreigners used to marvel when China's table tennis champions and brain surgeons paused to consult Mao's Little Red Book about their next moves. Devotion to that once-banned volume has been declared to be mindless "bookwormship," and the 12m or so copies of Deng's *Selected Works* appear a mere trickle compared to the 200m copy avalanche of the last volume of Mao's works.

But for these awaiting the party's inquiry, who have been reviled in some cases to reflect on their last 30 years, Deng's words are holy writ. Otherwise, why would 2,250,000 copies have been snapped up on the first day of sale?

Jonathan Mirsky

The *Selected Works of DXP (in Chinese)* can be obtained from *Guanghua Books*, 7-9 Newport Place, W.C.2.

Elbow room for doctors

New words for old/Philip Howard

movement and change to another, viz. clumsiness: the sort of problem that President Jerry Ford was said to have in swinging his arms and chewing gum simultaneously.

The trouble is that fewer prospective doctors study Latin and Greek; and so the etymology of their mystery is becoming literally Greek to them. Accordingly, to help the poor benighted quacks, the admirable Bristol Classical Press has published *A Pocket Etymology of Medical Terms*, which introduces the Greek and Latin roots of medical terminology. It is a useful little book from *abdomen* to *xerostomia* (dryness of the mouth). Another instance of the close

connexion between medicine and language is the vast and entertaining selection of medical eponyms.

To elucidate these puzzling matters for poor young medics Pitman Books have just published *Medical Eponyms* by John Lourie.

I often lie awake at night wondering what is the Pelger-Huet Anomaly, and who were they. The anomaly turns out to be a dominant condition of hypersegmented leucocyte nuclei, and the hypersegmented chaps turn out to be the name of a Dutch physician. I feel better.

We all know what Dover's Powder is, don't we? It is a sedative mixture of 10 per cent opium, 10 per cent ipecacuanha, and 80 per cent

lactose. Thomas Dover was the Bristol GP, 1660-1742, who treated Thomas Sydenham for smallpox with a diet of oil of vitriol and 12 pints of beer a day. Many of his patients were rich slave-traders, but he treated the poor free. In 1708 he forsook medicine to lead the most successful pirate expedition in British history, plundering the Spanish cities of Ecuador and Chile, returned to England in 1711 with a vast booty, and resumed medical practice.

Examiner, showing candidate a urinary catheter with an elbow-like bend in it: "This is a Coude catheter; tell me, who was Coude?"

Over-confident candidate, who has not read the book: "Oh, he was a nineteenth-century French urologist, sir." Examiner, holding up a urinary catheter with two elbow-like bends in it: "And who was Bi-coude?"

The French for an elbow is *coude*. *Coude* means "bent like an elbow".

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SECOND IN COMMAND

Recognizing Mrs Thatcher as a politician of quite exceptional stamina and will-power, the nation will be disposed to accept the hyperbole of her statement, on leaving hospital, that she is 101 per cent fit. Her added grace-note, "I am feeling fine, but then I always am" did, however, sound a little like tempting Providence. Mrs Thatcher, if less liable than much of humanity to the risk of incapacity through illness or mishap, has no immunity; even Achilles had his heel. Happily, the Prime Minister has recovered speedily from an eye-operation which has apparently been a complete success, but the episode is a reminder that Prime Ministers do have an obligation to make satisfactory provision for their role to be fulfilled when they are temporarily out of action. In other words, they need a deputy.

In Lord Whitelaw, Mrs Thatcher has a deputy who is hand-made, so to speak, for the job. He is of proven loyalty to her personally, and he is a man of great political experience and maturity. He would have been the Conservative Party's choice for leader, and eventually Prime Minister, if Mrs Thatcher had not been elected to preside over something like a revolution in the party's social and economic thinking.

Yet there is now a little more than that to be said about the deputy to the Prime Minister in the present government. A Conservative deputy's position is, of course, quite different from that of his Labour opposite number. The Labour deputy leader is elected, formerly by Labour MPs, now by the monstrous parliamentary and extra-parliamentary apparatus which elects the leader. If Labour reaches office, there is no doubt whom the *de facto* deputy Prime

Minister must be (though the office remains unknown to the constitution of the country) whether the Prime Minister likes it or not. In what used to pass as normal times for the Labour Party, this created no problems. But as the ideological divide has widened in the Labour Party, its deputy leadership has taken on a special significance. Mr Denis Healey was chosen precisely because he represented the pole of Labour politics opposite to Mr Foot, in the vain hope that this balance of influence would help them pull the party together.

Those who now feel that it matters for Mr Healey rather than Mr Michael Meacher to be deputy to Mr Kinnock make the same assumption. But as Mr Healey's experience has shown, the deputy's influence depends far more on the calibre of the individual than on the formal power of the office, and what matters for the national point of view is his ability to take charge of a government in the Prime Minister's absence.

Yet though there is little distinction of function between a Labour and a Tory deputy, each comes to his position by a different route. The Conservative deputy is appointed by the Prime Minister. He is invariably a figure of great influence in the party, who is respected on all sides. He is someone who could be leader; yet his position gives him no assurance of succeeding; rather the reverse.

There is therefore no problem about who would manage the government in Mrs Thatcher's absence, and certainly none that would be solved by the nonsensical idea, canvassed from the Tory backbenches last week, that Mrs Thatcher needed her own Minister of State to take day to day charge of her office in her absence; who would take instruc-

tions from him? Yet Mrs Thatcher's temporary incapacity has illuminated a potential problem and it arises from Lord Whitelaw's translation to the Lords. If Mrs Thatcher were ever incapacitated for any length of time, would it be feasible for the Acting Prime Minister (for that is what the deputy would become) to be in the Lords?

In the recess and in calm times it would not matter, but in the event of a crisis, international or financial, it might well. Somebody would have to speak, with as much Prime Ministerial weight as possible, in the Commons, and it is questionable whether the departmental Cabinet Minister, whether Foreign Secretary or Chancellor, could do so while there was an acting Prime Minister in another place.

In the Commons, the most obvious candidate is Sir Geoffrey Howe in terms of seniority and experience. It is understandable that Mrs Thatcher should not want to make a change. For one thing, she is loyal to Lord Whitelaw; for another he is the most comfortable kind of deputy to have. Moreover, any Prime Minister likes to keep her, or his, options open and not to seem, by appointing a deputy, to influence the succession. But that is not how it would work in practice as recent history has shown. It would pre-empt nothing if she decided that her deputy ought to be in the Commons. The present situation is a convenient one, both because it allows time for the talent with the right weight to make itself felt in the Commons, and also because nobody in the meantime is breathing down Mrs Thatcher's neck. Even so, her recent mishap has given Mrs Thatcher something that she would be well advised to think about, in a leisurely way, during the coming months.

FACTS COME FIRST

Last autumn's leak of the Think Tank study of long-term trends in public expenditure is remembered, if it all, outside the inner circle of policy-makers and commentators for one thing; the suggestion that the Thatcher administration wished to kill the National Health Service. Such a proposal was not made in the Think Tank's paper to the Cabinet. The tank's submission was a discussion document on what would need to be cut, on various assumptions of economic growth ranging from the optimistic to the pessimistic, if spending was to be contained within certain ceilings. But the canard stuck. The episode was an object lesson in how not to conduct a serious debate on an issue - how are public services to be funded in a low or nil-growth society with an aging population without punitive, self-defeating increases in taxation - which affects the prospects and well-being of every citizen.

The Government drew the wrong lesson from the Think Tank affair. Ministers seemed to assume that the leak had made rational discourse of the issue impossible for the immediate future. There was a tightening of Whitehall security and discussion was postponed until after the general election. It has now revived. The Prime Minister has let it be known that the long-term financing of the welfare state is under review. What should the Government do as papers begin to circulate in

Whitehall to prevent a reprise of last autumn's unnecessary, energy-sapping furore?

Ministers could cast their minds back beyond September 1982 to 1942 and 1978. Both years provide examples of how to conduct a sensible debate on social policy. The popular version of the Beveridge report on social insurance was a bestseller. The debate it stimulated was excellent as at least one member of the present Cabinet will remember, Lord Hailsham, as Mr Quintin Hogg, MP, was very active in pressing the cause of reform on the Tory party. Beveridge wrote in a way which caught the imagination of the public. He identified "five giants" on the road to reconstruction and put them in capitals - Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness. Whitehall does not produce White Papers like that anymore.

In 1978, the Callaghan administration completed a review of supplementary benefit by publishing a Green Paper supported by 40 background documents of statistics and analysis. Discussion was limited by the standards of Beveridge in 1942-43; but it was of high quality. That should be the model for the Thatcher review of Beveridge's brainchild which must be conducted now - thought, research, publication of background information, debate, action.

The Cabinet must agree a set of clear objectives, then com-

mission research and the preparation of options. Who should undertake it? Under Britain's private system of government, Whitehall departments have a near monopoly of much detailed data. But that need not altogether exclude outsiders with a fresh or at least a different perspective. Beveridge was an outsider. He chaired a small group of insiders. The Think Tank died last month, but there are other bodies of research. The Government could commission studies or seek second opinions from the Policy Studies Institute or the retired Economic and Social Research Council under Professor Sir Douglas Hague its new chairman.

High quality research leading to openness, a Green Paper containing models of the welfare state and its finances in the 1990s built on a variety of economic assumptions, buttressed by background papers and a set of choices for reform will not guarantee rational discussion of a happy outcome. British politics is too polarized and the bulk of the British press too trivial for that (there lies another example of decline). *Picture Post* excelled itself with accurate and genuinely popular coverage of Beveridge. Yet coming clean with the public at least, offers policy-makers a fighting chance, since they must win the argument. Open government may mean more argument, but it can also mean better government.

FULL EMPLOYMENT: FALSE EMPLOYMENT

President Andropov has summoned all his men in the Party Central Committee, the Council of Ministers and the official trade union organization, to attempt yet again the daunting task of making Ivan a better worker. The good thing about the Soviet system is that everyone has a job; the bad thing for the state is that no-one feels obliged to work very hard. There is certainly some truth in the joke: "They pretend to pay us, so we pretend to work". If sacked, the bad worker simply moves to another factory, often helped on his way by a glowing reference to speed the transfer.

The policy statements, which on Sunday filled most of the front page of Soviet newspapers, are devoted to "strengthening socialist labour discipline" by rewarding the diligent and penalizing the shirkers. The Soviet authorities themselves admit that labour productivity in the USSR is only forty per cent of the US level - largely because of inefficient organization and poor mechanization. Most citizens, says the government resolution, work honestly and conscientiously, but "absenteeism, lateness, coming and drunkenness" are much too common. The "loafers, truants and drifters" enjoy the same wages and benefits as conscientious workers. Managers

guilty of excessive toleration for these abuses will be compelled to tighten discipline by laws expected to be passed by the Supreme Soviet in December.

Even after working hours it will be difficult to escape the campaign. The state-controlled radio, television and cinema networks are instructed to propagandize more widely positive experience in the labour collectives. Because housing conditions in the USSR are generally poor, the incentive of offering good workers better accommodation - such as a move from communal hostel to individual family flat - will be considerable, providing the major problems of bribery and graft in housing distribution can be overcome.

In some respects Soviet workers are well protected by labour laws, but this may result in the new enactments losing their teeth. A persistent absentee will lose a day's holiday for every day missed, but will still receive a minimum two weeks' leave however many days he misses. If he is more than three hours late, he loses a whole day's holiday - so why bother appearing at all? And a drunkard demoted for three months to the lowest job in the factory may feel that since nothing worse can happen, he might as well seek the conso-

lation of vodka. If a third of his pay has been docked, to pay for his drink he will be tempted to indulge in the widespread practice of privatizing state property by stealing from his workplace.

As with President Andropov's earlier efforts to invigorate the economy, the new decrees will be received with mixed feelings. Russians know that an improvement in labour discipline is necessary, but they want an exception to be made in their own case; the family comes before the state. Since shops and communal services are inadequate, the temptation to slip away from work to find scarce consumer goods will remain strong.

Such instructions from the top without fundamental reforms are usually ineffective. Last week frustrated economists leaked to Western journalists a secret study drafted for discussion by the Soviet leadership; it argues that the whole over-centralized system needs changing and condemns the vast bureaucracy, jealous of its privileges, for opposing the necessary reforms. It seems probable that these latest efforts to impose stricter labour discipline will merely inflate the already excessive number of inspectors - another unproductive sector of the economy.

Looking askance at rate-capping plan

From Professor S. A. Walkland

Sir, In the current argument about rate-capping by central Government and its effects on local democracy and accountability, I am on the side of the local authorities. This is not to deny that there is a problem. But there is a marked lack of discussion of what is at the real root of the matter, which is the lack of any real political accountability of a very large number of British local authorities.

Neither your otherwise good leading article of August 2 nor the Layfield committee examined this problem. This lack of accountability is directly traceable to the electoral system in force for local elections.

It is not that the issues of local spending do not get extensively discussed in local government election campaigns, but that conclusions reached after wide democratic argument, and which receive majority electoral support, more often than not cannot affect in any way the outcome of the election, which is in many areas a foregone conclusion. My own city of Sheffield on the Government's list - is one of the best illustrations of the truth of this argument.

The way forward out of an apparent impasse is to change the local government electoral system to one of PR, but this is not a solution likely to come from the present Government nor from the Labour Party. Both have too much to lose.

Yours faithfully,
S. A. WALKLAND,
University of Sheffield,
Department of Political Theory and Institutions,
Sheffield,
South Yorkshire,
August 2.

From the Leader of Southwark Borough Council

Sir, Your leading writer on August 2 finds it difficult to feel much sympathy for the councillors of Southwark. Despite that I welcome your recognition that the Government White Paper plans are ridiculous.

MPs and Civil Service computers are never going to be able to make sensible decisions about local needs. There can be no replacement for the locally elected representative who lives in the community and is accountable to local people. The very idea of a councillor embodies the notion of someone who balances what the community wants and needs against what it can afford to pay. If we get that judgment wrong we do not get re-elected.

It is indicative of how out of touch the Government is that its proposals are condemned on constitutional grounds by every local authority association, irrespective of political control, and by academics and most newspapers.

Perhaps a little sympathy for Southwark councillors is due. We have already experienced the heavy hand of Whitehall. We have had our planning powers over a major part of our borough removed and our land seized to be given to a non-elected development corporation. We have seen our efforts to consult the public about their wishes for the

form of development of parts of the borough - a statutory requirement - turned into a farce by ministers making decisions, such as the development of Play's Wharf, without any consultation.

Our major problem is housing. We manage more than 62,500 properties and have 9,000 families waiting to get a council house and another 9,000 wanting a transfer. We have £9,500,000 in rent arrears as tenants struggle to balance their own budgets. We have thousands of empty properties we wish to bring into use. We have hundreds of squatted properties.

It is central Government that already restricts our investment in coping with these problems and prevents badly needed housebuilding and renovation. It was also decisions by central Government to encourage high-rise building which led to many of the problems we now have.

Nobody in their right mind believes any more that central Government knows best. That is what you have to believe to support the proposals of the White Paper on rates.

Yours etc,
ALAN R DAVIS, Leader,
Southwark Borough Council,
Town Hall,
Peckham Road, SE5,
August 3.

From Councillor C. A. Williams

Sir, I cannot share the view expressed by your leader (August 2) that it will be difficult to administer the Government's proposed "selective scheme" for limiting the rates.

The Government seems to have learnt from its past mistakes and has this time come up with proposals that are, in essence, quite simple.

While the calculation of GRE - the Government's assessment of what each council ought to be spending - is complex, the councils which will be subject to rate limitation will be those whose spending patterns will be clearly excessive on not only this, but also other criteria.

I do not share your fear that MPs might be overwhelmed by the task of satisfying themselves that the Secretary of State would be right to limit the rate rises in Lambeth. The assessment of need is a matter of judgment and something on which Conservatives and Labour members will have different views.

What will be clear and unarguable, if this council continues its present policy, is that expenditure and staffing levels are high compared with those of many other authorities.

What concerns me about the Government's proposals is that nothing will be done to limit expenditure in the 1984-85 financial year. My fear is that councils that are in a penalized area will have one "final fling" and the ratepayers will have to foot the bill.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. WILLIAMS,
Conservative finance spokesman,
London Borough of Lambeth,
Members' Room,
Town Hall,
Brixton Hill, SW2,
August 3.

In-court conciliation

From Mr John M. Westcott

Sir, The Interdepartmental Committee on Conciliation, whose report has just been published, concludes that out-of-court conciliation schemes do not save money overall and therefore should not receive financial support from the Government. The Committee proposes that conciliation is best provided by in-court systems.

I write on behalf of a number of Bristol solicitors practicing in family law who have regularly referred clients to the Bristol Courts Family Conciliation Service - the first of the out-of-court conciliation agencies to be set up - during the four years of its existence.

If any of us had been asked by the Committee - and none of us was - we could have referred to many cases, particularly in custody or access disputes, where lengthy and expensive court proceedings have

been avoided with the help of BCFCs.

The Committee maintains that conciliation must be justified by reaching settlements, overlooking the fact (nowhere mentioned in the report) that in many cases, where there has been conciliation but no final settlement reached, issues have nevertheless been narrowed or identified and the subsequent task of the court simplified, thus saving costs.

The disadvantage of in-court conciliation is that it is only available to parties once divorce proceedings have begun. Out-of-court conciliation agencies offer the benefit of help to parties who are still reluctant to take that step. In fact, one in six of those who consulted BCFCs last year became reconciled - another fact not mentioned in the report.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. WESTCOTT,
14 Orchard Street, Bristol,
July 19.

Student unions

From Mr Paul M. Jowett

Sir, With all respect to Roger Scruton (feature, August 2), whose articles I find refreshingly radical despite their self-avowedly right-wing nature, does he have to liken every activity of the left in this country to the machinations of the pre-war German Nazis during their all-out contest for power?

Surely even the readers of the *Salisbury Review* expect a broader sweep of historical examples in literature aimed at bolstering and consolidating their views.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL M. JOWETT,
United Oxford & Cambridge University Club,
71 Pall Mall, SW1.

Slaves in England

From Mr John Gillard Watson

Sir, It was in 1772, in the Somerset case, that Granville Sharp obtained the dictum from Mansfield that any slave, so soon as he sets foot in English territory, becomes free. This must necessarily apply to the wretched persons described in recent correspondence in your columns. Why, then, do these people not exercise their freedom?

One can hardly doubt that for a century or more after the Somerset case anyone enslaved by his countrymen who walked out would indeed have been free, with the full protection of our laws. But today, what reliance can such slaves have that a craven Foreign Office will not forcibly return them to their country?

It is worth remembering that the 13th Amendment to the American

Yellow butterflies

From Mrs Alison Ross

Sir, It is now obvious that there has been and is still being a major invasion of immigrant Clouded Yellow butterflies into this country this year. There are so many of them that they add to butterfly-watchers' delight among our resident butterflies and sometimes appear as plentiful as the Large Whites, Brimstones and even the ubiquitous Small Tortoiseshells.

I usually see a few Clouded Yellows every summer, but it was surprising to see one flying over the village street as early as June 6 after a weekend of heavy thunderstorms and I and many friends have seen one or more every sunny day since. They stop and sup from many flowers as they fly inland from the coast - thistles, marjoram, scabious and red valerian as well as clovers and lucerne.

Yours &c,
ALISON ROSS,
Honeyuckle Cottage,
Amberley,
Arundel,
West Sussex,
August 4.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Other ways of eyeing countryside

From Mr C. P. Righton

Sir, Mr Hart has managed to confuse himself as to what he is driving at (feature, August 2). He calls it a hard criticism of farmers that their incomes rose in the last two years and then goes on to say that the return on capital is so low that only the very rich can afford to farm! Are we supposed to be making too much money or too little?

Perhaps someone who was not so intent on pursuing the politics of envy would have pointed out that farm incomes were halved in real terms in the previous five years. The net result is that real farm income in 1982 was still 20 per cent below the average level of the 1970s.

The value of land is really immaterial in this context. It tends to rise or fall in the longer term to reflect its earning capacity and it is a fact of history that the return of capital in agriculture has always been low. Farmers are perfectly well aware that they could make more money by selling up and investing the proceeds in gilts: it is fortunate for consumers and for the countryside that farmers are not solely concerned with profit.

It is no fault of farmers that they are unable to buy British combine harvesters and, so far as tractors are concerned, we exported £350m worth more than we imported last year.

To imply that farmers are being paid too much to produce food is to ignore the facts. The truth is that the real cost of food has been falling for years. There has, of course, been inflation but the rise in the prices received by farmers, averaging out at 7.1 per cent per annum between 1977 and 1982, compares very favourably with the 9.5 per cent for food, the 12.7 per cent for non-food items and the 14.3 per cent for average earnings. The continuing improvements in agricultural efficiency have meant that consumers now enjoy a greater variety of better food at less expense than ever before.

If it is accepted that this development is economically beneficial, then the valid question which Mr Hart could have asked is whether the results have justified the necessary changes in the countryside. The emotional comparison of English fields with "a vast prairie" is hard to comment on objectively. We all regret the passing of the familiar. The simple fact is, however, that our countryside has continuously changed throughout the centuries to meet changing circumstances.

Neolithic enclosures? Roman villas? Open fields? Enclosures? Which is the "natural" form for the British countryside? Are we seriously expected to farm economically in the 20th century with the methods of the 18th?

Yours faithfully,
C. P. RIGHTON, Deputy President,
The National Farmers' Union,
Agriculture House,
Knightsbridge, SW1.

From Mrs Susan Ranson

Sir, Perhaps Mr Hart (feature, August 2) would like to visit me. I

live on what is now a small farm. We have hedges, and we still got snowed up. Our birdscarer has a time switch which turns it off at night. My garden is destroyed by the nettles, twitch, goose grass, convulvulus, speedwell and brambles which invade it from the surrounding fields.

We have poppies: I am not sure we ever had marigolds or does he mean corn marigold? The land has always been unsuitable for orchids. We have owls, kestrels, partridges and hares. Our machines are small and most of them are old. The mice come into the house in the winter, and I have even found shrew footprints in a covered butter dish. We need to fence the fox from the ducks and chickens and we have rabbits.

We have planted more trees than Dutch elm disease has killed and a straw chopper makes straw burning a much less messy affair. We have small fields and haven't bought a new tractor for years. We have two ponds, one of which is very wild. I regret we cannot claim the farm is a wilderness, but our income fell by 45 per cent last year. Members of this family belong to the National Trust, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, and the local Natural History Society.

Perhaps when he visits Mr Hart will be able to convince me that all novelists and political advisers do not produce inaccurate and unwanted verbiage which has to be disposed of at public expense and that, as they are far fewer in number than readers of the popular press and the electorate, public money should no longer be used to subsidise this selfish minority.

Yours faithfully,
SUSAN RANSON,
Gordons Lodge,
Ashton,
Northampton,
August 2.

Night time 'nuisance'

From Sir George Heygate

Sir, Mr Maslen, of the NFU, made a fair point (July 26) in his letter in response to Mr Bertram's complaints (July 22). So far as harvesting is concerned, my sympathy is with the farmers.

But what does Mr Maslen say to the householder who has to suffer an explosive bird-scarer going off in the adjoining field every three or four minutes, from and before dawn to an hour after dusk, for weeks (or even months) on end?

Such an experience is by no means uncommon in this part of England. That sort of disturbance can hardly be said to last for "a very few hours per year" or to be "brief".

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE HEYGATE,
Willow Grange,
Walslett,
Halesworth,
Suffolk,
July 28.

Rupert Brooke's grave

From Major Douglas MacRae-Brown

Sir, As you mentioned Rupert Brooke's birthday among today's anniversaries (August 3) I thought your readers might be interested to know that a marble plaque, engraved with his fifth birthday, was placed at the foot of his grave last month.

Brooke was buried in an olive grove in a most inaccessible part of the island of Skyros. A beautiful marble monument was conveyed there in 1920 by Stanley Casson, the archaeologist, who took three weeks to install it. The only inscription it bears, apart from the poet's name, is in Greek. This was originally

composed by a Greek interpreter, who wrote it in pencil on a wooden cross just before the interment on April 23, 1915.

It is worth noting, too, that the physical task of embedding the plaque with professional skill against the plinth on which the monument rests was carried out voluntarily by the Mayor of Skyros, Mr Fioulis, and two leading citizens of the island, one of whom was a local master mason. I was privileged to be there.

Yours faithfully,
D. MACRAE-BROWN,
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Soviet 'moles'

From Mr Malcolm Muggeridge

Sir, I was greatly interested by the letter in your issue of July 25 from Professor Roderick Floud about accusations that his father, the late Bernard Floud, MP, had been a Soviet agent in the vein of Blunt, Burgess, Maclean, Philby, etc. etc. Bernard Floud and I became friends in 1940 at Mythen, Hunts, when we were both privateers in what was then called Field Security and became the Intelligence Corps. There was, I know, some sort of hold-up in his getting a commission, but in due course, as I was given to understand, full clearance came from MI5 and he appeared in a particularly smart officer's uniform.

He and I had many arguments, and certainly he had strong leftist views to which he gave ardent expression. Yet I never detected, and looking back cannot recall, any intimation in our talks that he had any special fancy for the USSR under Stalin.

He was an attractive and gifted person; I liked him and enjoyed his company, and when our military service paths separated we corresponded and occasionally met. I remember meeting his charming wife-to-be. Undoubtedly, there was some sort of conflict going on inside him, and this may well have concerned divided loyalties.

In any case, I heartily agree with his son that the time has come for releasing for publication and historical presentation all the data concerning espionage in the earlier decades of this century, especially in the thirties and forties. Further speculation can be unjust and hurtful and anyway is becoming unbearably tedious.

Yours etc,
MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE,
Park Cottage,
Robertsbridge,
East Sussex,
July 28.

Innings closed

From Mr Robert Brooke

Sir, I was interested in the correspondence (July 21) prompted by the New Zealand cricket team's scoring 544 against Somerset at Taunton without the aid of an individual century. This was beaten when Essex scored 560-9 against Sussex at Leyton in 1933, with a highest individual innings of 93, and at Taunton in 1930, when Somerset totalled 545-9 against Hampshire with a highest score of 88.

However the accolade must go to Nottinghamshire. Against Derbyshire at Derby in August, 1899, six of their batsmen exceeded the half-century, but the best individual contribution to their all-out total of 581 was William Gunn's 90.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT BROOKE, Editor,
The Cricket Statistician,
4 Milton Road,
Bentley Heath,
Solihull, West Midlands.

Pointing the way

From Mr David H. R. Yorke

Sir, As part of the Government's spending cuts have secret restrictions been placed on the supplies of paint for punctuation marks by signwriters?

A journey last week yielded three signs whose meaning would have been made clearer (or indeed reversed) by some punctuation after the initial warning or exhortation.

Near the entrance to Ragley Hall is the delightful "Lands drive slowly". By the towpath of the South Oxford canal lurks the more sinister "Sheep dogs will be shot". In my neighbouring village of Lindfield a traffic sign proclaims "Give way markings erased" - should I stop or not?

Yours in confusion (comma),
DAVID YORKE,
Holford Manor,
North Chailey, Sussex,
August 2.

THE ARTS

Television

Curious character

On paper it must have looked promising: on the one hand a glamorous cosmopolitan from international showbiz (see, one feels), a former child star with all the neuroses, presumably, and deprivations inevitable in the pursuit of such careers; on the other, one of the professional, loquacious Celts so beloved of the electronic media which have long confused garrulousness with eloquence, the profit with the profound.

In the event Penda Clark's confrontation with Dr Anthony Clare in *Melrose* (BBC 2) slipped down as blandly and wholesomely as junkies. The interrogator seemed baffled by the show-business characteristic of having more skins than Peer Gynt's onion, especially when Miss Clark, affable and self-possessed, resolutely refused him any glimpse of inner Angst. Was she curious about other people's lives? "Yes, I am," yes," she averred doubtfully, producing no evidence. Did she feel guilty? "Yes, there is quite a lot of guilt, now you come to mention it." "You've found exactly the right word," she reassured Dr Clare soothingly, and for a moment the roles of analyst and subject were reversed.

With obvious relief Dr Clare learnt that her father had wanted a boy. Her early life, he

hopefully suggested, "must have been a turbulent confusion". But despite a Pinfold-like interlude of hearing voices in her late teens, the star maintained that, compared with Sammy Davis Jr, say, or Barbra Streisand, she was "fairly normal".

The comparison was a clue to the programme's failure. Even Miss Clark, looking as if she could scarcely have lived the forty years she has spent in the profession, hardly claims to be in the same league; but then that might explain her normality. Otherwise, psychological truisms abounded. Adolescence was "not a good time", her husband curiously recalled her father. Despite residence in several countries she considered herself to be at home "on stage", with an audience, lights and preferably a microphone. Ruthlessly Dr Clare resorted to frontal, if unoriginal, assault.

"You epitomize a great dilemma", he insisted, "working and family". The modesty of her reply was revealing: "I don't think I've got very much talent".

The unneurotic self-assessment of Sally Clark, from Ewell, made good. Fans will be pleased at her balanced togetherness, but it makes for dull television.

Martin Hoyle

Galleries

Gardens of grace and charm

Masquerade

Museum of London

The Japanese Print Since 1900

British Museum

Fortunately, perhaps, the forlorn cry of "But is it Art?" is seldom these days heard in our land. Of course, loftily theoretical considerations of the name and nature of art have their place, but as a hurdle in the way of response to the thing before one they do tend to waste rather a lot of time. Or did, for, after conceptual and minimal art, who is going to worry too much about whether a pot or a photograph or a popular print can qualify? Indeed, we even have a further let-out clause proposed: if the individual works exhibited are of dubious status, it is quite possible that the exhibition itself may be a work of art, and its organizer the true artist.

I doubt if the Masquerade show which has finally opened at the Museum of London (after a two-week hiccup with the air-conditioning) and runs until October 2 would make such pretentious claims for itself. And yet it is a perfect example of that type of show, somewhere between an art exhibition and a history lesson, for which high claims have recently been made. What it attempts to do is to recreate for us the look and the sound and the atmosphere of that peculiarly eighteenth-century obsession, the masked ball, and all that went to cater for it. In England, and particularly in London, the most familiar by-product was the pleasure garden. Initially haunts of the grand (visiting royalty, we learn, were permitted to keep their masks on after everyone else had been required to take them off, which must have made for a rather obtrusive form of anonymity), they later went down in the world and became, as *The Ticket-of-Leave Man* makes clear, haunts of rogues and vagabonds before they were finally swept away. Who now remembers gay Cremorne, the poet plaintively inquired, and indeed today the names of Vauxhall and Ranelagh have very different associations: even the Festival of Britain's brave attempt at Battersea went the way of its more illustrious predecessors.

But records and reminders of many sorts survive, and they are assembled here



Meeting at the ball: Francis Hayman's *David Garrick and Hannah Pritchard in 'The Suspicious Husband'*

in a show of singular grace and charm. Though there are arguably no paintings of first rank, we can explore a number of still attractive byways of eighteenth-century portraiture, and finally enough we are frequently reminded of the earlier paintings in the *Art of Cricket* show: if family groups and individual portraits (especially of teenage boys) were liable to be decorated with the accoutrements of cricket, to the extent that it became almost a sub-genre, here we have another, parallel sub-genre, the masquerade portrait or portrait group, with the young and glamorous at least clutching masks, and maybe wearing a whole elaborate fancy dress. Even the painters - Hayman, Zoffany, Benjamin West, or at least attrib - are often the same. We can admire the most popular historical styles assumed in paintings like Zoffany's portrait of *John, Lord Mount Stuart* in Vandylke costume or Thomas Hudson's portrait of *Mary, Duchess of Ancaster* dressed after a Rubens. We can even see some original costumes, listen to the music they would have heard, see what tasty things Hogarth and Rowlandson had to say about such diversions, and still sensibly wish we were there.

There is unlikely to be much question on the status of the works in *The Japanese Print Since 1900* at the British Museum until September 11 - even though it starts with the bloodthirsty jingoism of popular journalistic prints recording Japanese victories in the wars with China and Russia at the turn of the century. Even these, to be fair, show a remarkable ability, which seems to be specifically Japanese, of seeing even the most unlikely subjects in terms of elegant (and possibly heartless)

aesthetic effect. Thereafter the work divides down the middle, between those artists who clung determinedly to the traditional forms, as though art alone could keep the West and the modern world at bay, and those who with equal enthusiasm embraced the West and its ways, and sought, even while continuing to employ the familiar techniques of the colour woodcut, to revolutionize the Japanese way of representing reality. As one might expect, the most interesting prints are often those by artists who contrive somehow to straddle the two cultures. A print like Kampo Yoshikawa's *Early Morning Mist at Sanjo Ohashi* (1924), with its reverberations between East and West - the stylistic affiliations may be French, but with that segment of the French school which had been radically influenced by Japanese art a generation or two earlier - at once banishes all doubts about the health of clinging even so far to the past, while Fujita's prints, though frequently made in the West, retain throughout a strong sense of his eastern heritage. Later we have extraordinary contrasts between Sumio Kawakami's immediately postwar but backward-looking series *Scenes of Last Tokyo*, and the amazing original creations of Reika Iwami's abstract prints, with their intricate combinations of colour and embossing. If after this host of the Japanese prints shown from the last two decades look disappointingly as though they could have been made anywhere in the world, that is probably just one of the penalties of jet-age communication.

John Russell Taylor

Concerts

Fires of London
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Until Mozart came along, anyone writing string quartets was bound to imitate Haydn. In rather the same way Peter Maxwell Davies has planted his musical personality on his particular ensemble, the Fires of London, and in turn his music has been partly shaped by the association. For composer, players and audiences it is an entirely beneficial relationship, but it may not be so for other composers writing for the group, be they so eminent as Elliott Carter, whose *Triple Duo* on Sunday, though it came wheeling into the Albert Hall in an arc of sustained imaginative energy, was not totally untroubled by the difficulty of not being Davies.

The problem is that any rhetorical gesture or formal development, coming from these players, almost inevitably sends one into Davies's world. It is a problem that had been apparent earlier in this concert in *Cimmerian Nocturne* by the young Philip Grange, though that piece certainly showed a composer who has his own ideas and knows how to make them work. Carter, of course, nearly 50 years older than Grange, has a good deal more of a musical self to help him along, and the challenge of Davies's nearness seems to have made the *Triple Duo* even more emphatically characteristic than is usual.

Most of it is fast, much of it very fast: it must have been a Herculean task for the players to have brought it to this pitch of invigoration within a few months of first seeing it (they gave the world premiere in New York on St George's Day). It is also determinedly abstract.

Carter speaks, as often before, of a dialogue among different characters, here taken by the three duos of strings, woodwind and piano-percussion, but it is exceedingly hard to put words to what they say, except perhaps in the middle when the tempo slows and the strings provide a cushioned bed for the others to plunk star-sounds on, or at the end when the switch is thrown on a new sparkling interplay just as it begins. Otherwise, events move so fast that one seems to have lived through

several epics, successive and simultaneous, and yet the clock shows only 20 minutes have passed.

Another 20 went unexpectedly agreeably in the company of Davies's *Revelation and Fall* where, notwithstanding Mary Thomas's still hair-raising fit of vocal madness, the ear was opened by John Carewe's direction to this score's immense subtlety and exact purpose.

Paul Griffiths

RPO/Bernard
Barbican

Raymond Gubbay reaches the audiences other concert promoters cannot reach - or have lost interest in reaching. Let no one say that the Barbican cannot attract people: on Sunday a queue that stretched most of the way round Level 3 was turned away as the Royal Philharmonic played to a packed house.

The concert was scarcely unusual for its repertoire, but it brought a conductor, Andre Bernard, whom we are more used to hearing as a trumpeter, and a soloist, Jack Rothstein, whom we are more used to hearing as a leader. Bernard offered Beethoven's *Leonora Act 3* and the *Fifth Symphony* - and Vaughan Williams' both composers were characterized with a flamboyance of gesture and wild abandon of expression that would surely have amazed them.

The procedure almost worked in the *Leonora* Overture because Bernard's technique - obviously studied at the Leonard Bernstein School of Balletically Mimed Interpretation - though somewhat imprecise, at least seemed to arouse the RPO to fury. In the Tallis Fantasia, on the other hand, the attempt to paint glorious reddening sunsets around Vaughan Williams's simple, affecting treatment of Tallis's melody was unhappy. In Max Bruch's famous First Concerto, Jack Rothstein was not the most smooth or silken soloist it is possible to imagine, but his playing had an unaffected strength and directness.

Nicholas Kenyon

Howard Devoto
Lyceum

Howard Devoto is nothing if not perverse. He was co-founder of Manchester's seminal pop punk group Buzzcocks but, within weeks of sniffling success, left to pursue a more languid career with Magazine. Just when Magazine were consolidating their appeal as an influential experimental outfit Devoto called halt again and embarked on the project *Jerky Versions of a Dream*, a collection of quirky fantasies with existential origins and ascending melodic structures.

This album formed the basis of his Lyceum show when he was assisted by dual keyboardists, sax, guitar, rhythm section and Pamela Kifer, a back-up singer

Rock

whose impromptu display of semaphore was slightly more amusing than her vocal contributions.

Devoto's admirers were out in force to witness their English eccentric indulge in his brand of self-deprecating whimsy but even they seemed a trifle bothered and bored at the lack of imagination displayed on stage. Devoto's funny-peculiar ramblings do not work well live. His singing is monotonous and his band appear shackled by the leader's desire to extinguish what pop sensibility he has. Ironically, the more accessible Magazine songs drew the best reaction, though "Song from under the Floorboards" and "Permafrost" lost their original shock value and blended into the staggeringly average quality of the set.

Max Bell

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US rate rise sets tone

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin, Aug. 1. Dealings end, Aug. 12. Contango Day, Aug. 15. Settlement Day, Aug. 22.

Higher US interest rates kept the big City institutions on the sidelines yesterday as the equity market opened the second leg of the account on a dull note.

Citibank was the first in the queue with a rise of 1/2 point to 11 per cent after the latest US money supply figures over the weekend. On the foreign exchange, the pound responded with a gain of 0.5 cents to \$1.4905.

Gilts also put up a good performance, ending the day on a high note with rises of up to 75p at the longer end of the market in the absence of a new "tap" stock being announced by the Bank of England on Friday.

The FT Index marked time for much of the day, but closed 1.7 down at 721.3 as Wall Street opened with a fall of more than 13 points in early trade.

Leading industrials closed mixed with penny gains in Allied-Lyons at 147p, BICC at 230p, GEC at 217p, Marks and Spencer at 198p, P & O at 162p, and TCI Group at 162p.

The biggest gain of the day was seen in BOC Group, 10p higher at 241p, also awaiting figures.

Leading oil shares continued to respond well to the prospect of a higher price for Russian crude oil. BP added 8p to 410p, after 412p, Shell 2p to 396p, Ultramar 13p to 697p and

Boots is expected to confirm on Friday that it has received the go-ahead to market Ibuprofen, the active ingredient in its anti-rheumatic drug Brufen, over-the-counter in the United Kingdom. Analysts estimate the deal could earn the company a 100m a year to the group, which has already applied for permission over in the United States. Yesterday the shares dipped 1p to 170p.

Lassmo 3p to 346p. But it was the second liners with interests in the Irish Sea which continued to dominate sentiment.

Atlantic Resources, which has more than doubled in price over the past week, kept a further 9p to 445p. The market

is waiting with bated breath for an announcement within the next couple of days from the company, hoping to assess the size of the find.

Aran Energy, also with interests in the Irish Sea, rose 18p to 52p, while Moray Firth gained 5p to 68p.

But most prices closed below their best levels of the day as profit-taking crept in after hours. Fitzwilliam with a 24 per cent stake in Atlantic also joined in the act adding 8p to 52p.

The TR Trustees Corp has increased its stake in Essex Lighting with the purchase of an extra 200,000 shares. It now holds 10.8 per cent of the equity. Shares of Essex closed unchanged at 241p.

Mr M. McLean, chairman of Robert Moss, has been granted an option along with several of his colleagues to buy up to 317,000 shares in the company (amounting to 2.3 per cent of the equity) until September 15.

Mr McLean already owns over 20 per cent of the shares. The announcement wiped 3p from the shares at 60p.

Steel stockholder Helical Bar has received an approach which it says might lead to a bid. Helical refused to give the name.

Brokers Hoare Govett has just published its latest circular on Hanson Trust, which it describes as undervalued in the medium term. For the present year Hoare is looking for pretax profits of £84m followed by about £105m next year. The shares slipped 2p to 239p.

of the other party, but the shares responded with a jump of 17p to 63p, where the group is valued at just under £2m.

Commercial Union rose to 163p ahead of interim figures tomorrow. The market is hoping for pretax profits of £30m against £15m, despite warnings of sharply reduced

profits from brokers E. B. Savory Mullin.

Shares of Ocean Transport & Trading held steady at 96p ahead of full year figures today. The market is looking for a drop in pretax profits to about £5m against £11.8m last year. But after the sale of the group's 58 per cent stake in Straits Steamship for £88m, the market might be pleasantly surprised when the figures are revealed.

The group is reported to have used the cash to pay off its growing debt mountain last estimated at about £90m.

After pulling out of the race for British Industrial & General Investment Trust, the Atlanta, Baltimore and Chicago Regional Investment Trust appears to be focusing attention on the Shares Investment Trust. Yesterday it announced it has bought an extra 22,000 shares in Shares, taking its holding to 6.9 per cent.

But speculation was good for renewed buying of shares in UBM Group the West Country builders' merchant, 3p higher at 94p. Market gossip has been talking of a bid of 110p a share and reporting heavy overseas support.

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 721.3 down 1.7
FT 100: 79.23 up 0.20
Bargains: 19.712
Datastream US\$8 Leaders
Index: 98.16 up 0.49
New York: Dow Jones
Average (midday): 1189.97
down 13.32
To-yo: Nikkei Dow Jones
Index: 8,960.00 down 1.09
Hong Kong: Hang Seng
Index: 1,028.00 down 0.25
Amsterdam: 148.8 up 0.7
Sydney: AO Index: 872.1
down 8.2
Frankfurt: Commerzbank
Index: 946.2 down 18.0
Brussels: General In-
dex: 131.26 down 1979
Paris: CAC Index: 130.4
down 1.0
Zurich: SKA General: 295.7
down 0.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.4905 UP 50pts
Index 84.5 up 0.2
DM 4.02 up 0.325
FF 12.0950 up 0.09500
Yen 354.50 up 2.0
ECU 129.4
DM 2.6870

NEW YORK CLOSE
Sterling \$1.4935
Index 84.5 up 0.2
DM 4.02 up 0.325
FF 12.0950 up 0.09500
Yen 354.50 up 2.0
ECU 129.4
DM 2.6870

INTEREST RATES
Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9%
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week
fixed 8%
3 month interbank 10-9%
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10 1/4-10 1/2
3 month DM 5 1/4-5 1/2
3 month FF 16-15 1/2
US rates:
Bank prime rate 10.50
Fed funds 9%
Treasury long bond 9 1/8-9 1/2
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling
Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for
interest period 6 July to 2
August, 1983 inclusive: 9.989
per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
\$410.50pm \$408.50
close \$408.25-409 (€274-
274.50)
New York close: \$408.50
Kruggerand (per coin):
\$420.50-422 (€282.50-283.50)
Sovereigns (new):
\$95-97 (€64.50-65.25)
*Excludes VAT

TODAY

Intelligence: Aaronson, Adams
and Gibbons, Barstow Eves,
Commercial Union, Fleming
Mercantile Inv, Heywood Wil-
liams Grp, W Jackson, Ocean
Transport and Trading, Ren-
nison Inc, Rotaflex, Smith and
Nighswand.
Financial: Crouch Grp, Uid
Packaging.
Economic statistics: Pro-
visional figures of vehicle
production (July). Central
Government transaction (in-
cluding borrowing requirement -
July). London clearing banks
monthly statement (mid-July).
Provisional estimates of mon-
etary aggregates (mid-July).

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Charter Consolidated, Caxton
Suite, London International
Press Centre, 76 Shoe Lane,
EC4 (noon).

NOTEBOOK

Tendering finished yesterday
for shares in the Farmers' Meat
Company which is aiming to
buy out the £4.9m ordinary
share capital of FMC, the meat
trading company. A minimum
£7m must be raised if the
scheme is to get off the
ground.
International Systems and
Controls, the American de-
fence electronics company
which went public in London
last October is returning to
the market for another £43m via an
offer for sale by tender of 34.6
million shares. Why did it
decide not to issue the shares
by way of rights and should
investors subscribe? Page 14.
Guinness sold two business-
es yesterday which had been
trading under the company's
umbrella, but had nothing to
do with the drinks trade. Guinness
gained £1,700,000 for disposing
of Morrison Son and Jones
overseas, a cosmetics and
pharmaceutical group operating
mainly in Africa and the Far
East, and Jackel (UK), a
Northumberland based plastics
business.
Brewers battle, page 16

Revised statistics excluding oil refining show lower input prices

Slight fall in manufacturing costs
lifts hopes for holding inflationBy Frances Williams,
Economics Correspondent

Government hopes of keep-
ing inflation below 6 per cent
for the rest of the year were
lifted yesterday by news that the
cost of fuel and basic materials
bought in by manufacturing
industry fell last month, while
prices for goods leaving the
factories are rising only slowly.
Another boost for ministers
came from revised figures
confirming that business in the
shops reached new highs in
June, fuelled by record con-
sumer credit.
Manufacturers' input costs
fell last month by 0.6 per cent
after a 0.2 per cent increase in
June, cutting the 12-monthly
increase in costs from 7.3 to 6.4
per cent and reversing for the
first time the upward drift in the

MANUFACTURING PRODUCER PRICES

(1980=100)	Output prices (home)	Materials and fuels prices
1982 July	118.3	115.8
Aug	118.6	115.0
Sept	119.3	115.4
Oct	119.7	116.5
Nov	120.0	119.0
Dec	120.8	122.8
1983 Jan	121.2	124.1
Feb	121.7	125.4
Mar	122.4	124.2
Apr	123.6	123.1
May	124.3	123.8
June	124.8	124.0
July	124.8	123.2

Provisional
Source: Department of Trade and Industry

annual rate since it touched its
nadir of 3.6 per cent last
November.
Last month's figures mark

the introduction of a new series
of statistics on input and output
prices - which use a changed
definition of manufacturing
industry to exclude oil refining.
This has been reclassified as
part of an "energy industries"
sector.

The change has a big impact
on the measurement of input
prices because the crude oil
used by oil refining accounted
for a quarter of the index,
making it sensitive to move-
ments in oil prices and the
value of sterling against the
dollar in which the oil is priced.

Under the old series input
prices would have risen by 0.4
per cent last month, reflecting
the higher sterling price of crude
oil. The point, however, is
that the price of oil has fallen
against the dollar. The 12-
monthly increase would have

RETAIL SALES AND CREDIT

(1976=100)	Sales by volume	New credit extended (£m)
1981	106.5	8,097
1982	108.2	8,310
1982 Q2	108.8	2,210
Q3	108.9	2,296
Q4	110.7	2,548
1983 Q1	111.1	2,573
Q2	113.6	2,597
1983 April	112.9	812
May	113.7	885
June	114.0	900

Source: Dept of Trade and Industry

been 3.9 per cent, down from
4.4 per cent in June.

Oil products costs used by
manufacturing for the new
definition which also counts in
for the first time slaughterhouses,
photographic laboratories

and some quarrying activities)
are included in the input index,
however, with a weight of about
13 per cent.

The cost of Materials for the
food processing industry, the
biggest items on the input
index, accounting for more than
a third are the main cause of
last month's fall.

The prices of goods leaving
the factories rose by 0.2 per cent
0.4 per cent on the old series),
the same as the previous
month, while the annual rate of
increase fell to 5.5 per cent (6.5
per cent) in June.

Factory gate inflation appears
to have shown little change
since the beginning of the year,
suggesting that companies are
using profit margins to cushion
the impact of fluctuations in
starting on input costs.

Fraser offers Smith
£80,000 full-time

By Philip Robinson

Professor Roland Smith is
thinking of becoming full-time
chairman of the House of Fraser
stores group which owns
Harrods.

For the past three years he
has held the post part-time at
£50,000 a year. When he was
appointed a director, it was said
he would devote about two days
a week to the job.

The move is behind the new,
secret, and much larger employ-
ment package offered to him by
Fraser board last month.

It is understood to give him a
60 per cent pay rise on a five-
year pensionable salary of
£80,000 a year. To fund a
pension scheme at that pay
level will cost the Fraser group
several hundred thousand
pounds.

In addition, Professor Smith
is believed to have been offered
an executive share option
scheme, a London house, and a
car with chauffeur.

The last Fraser accounts
show Professor Smith holding
1,000 Fraser shares and not
qualifying for the company's
profit-linked share plan.

When he was appointed to
the Fraser board in August
1980, Professor Smith unseated
Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland,
a deputy chairman of Fraser. Mr
Rowland's Lomho group is
Fraser's largest single share-
holder with almost a third of
the shares.

Professor Smith was ap-
pointed by the City financial
institution, which hoped he
would stave off a takeover bid
from Lomho and prevent it
from gaining creeping control.

In the eyes of most observers
he has achieved that. Lomho's
130p-a-share takeover bid two
years ago was referred to the
Monopolies Commission who
found it against the public

Smith: Lomho battles have
taken up his time

interest. Since then there have
been several public clashes with
Lomho.

The latest has been on the
issue of floating-off Harrods as
a separate company. Lomho won
a majority vote from share-
holders that this should be
pursued. Fraser says that as the
demerger proposal failed to get a
75 per cent majority enabling it
to be implemented in a tax-
efficient way, the issue is dead.

Fraser sources say that the
battles have taken much more
time than Professor Smith
initially allocated. Observers
suggest that he would need a big
employment package for a full-
time job to compensate for the
possible loss of earnings from
his other directorship.

Some of Fraser's institutional
shareholders are becoming in-
creasingly restless that the
details of the new package have
not been disclosed.

Controversy arising from the
total salary package is unlikely
to come from institutions. One
fund manager said yesterday:
"It might be cheap at the price if
he can get Fraser right."

Prime rate rises hit Dow

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones)
stocks were still moving lower
yesterday after their initial
steep drop on the spreading
prime rate increases and a
higher-than expected money
supply figure. Trading was
moderate.

The Dow Jones industrial
average was off more than 17
points at 1,166.

More than 1,180 issues
showed declines compared with
260 advances.

Mr Robert Mintz, vice-presi-
dent at Phillips Appel &
Walsh, said that "after the past
couple of weeks the prime rate
boost certainly was not a
surprise to anyone."

"There has been a lot of
pressure on the banks to raise
rates and the increase is an
indication of the banks' needs
rather than of a resurgence of
inflation," he said.
"It is good to have the boost

out of the way. Now the market
can deal with it," he added.

Mr Robert Farrell, market
analyst for Merrill Lynch, said:
"The stock market's recent
reaction has been interest rate-
related rather than earnings-
related. Therefore the next rally
for stocks should be influenced
by the next rally in bonds."

Exxon was 36 7/8, down 1-4;
NCR 116 1/2, down 1/2; General
Electric 47 7/8; General Motors
67 5/8, down 1 3/4;
International Business
Machines 119, down 3/4.

AMR Corp was down 1 1/4
to 29 7/8; Ford Motor down 1 1/4
to 55 1/4; Borden down 1
to 54; Commodore International
off 3/8 at 42 7/8; Digital
Equipment down 1 1/2 to 1-4;
Johnson & Johnson off 3/4 at
41 7/8.

Causton's
double sale
fetches £2

By Our Financial Staff

Sir Joseph Causton the
printing, packaging and publish-
ing company, has transferred
control of two of its colour
printing businesses to Hunter-
print for a nominal £2.

Hunterprint, which is quoted
on the Unlisted Securities
Market, has acquired 81 per
cent of Sir Joseph Causton &
Sons (Eastleigh) and Causton
Repro with an option to buy the
balance for a further £2.

The losses of the two
companies have held back
profits from the rest of Causton
business which includes print-
ing High Life and Executive
World for British Airways.

The two loss-makers print
high quality magazines, leaflets,
brochures, books and labels and
made a loss of £534,000 in the
16 months to January 31.
During the same period the rest
of the printing interests made
profits of £386,000.

Causton has made provisions
of £650,000 against the transfer
of the companies relating to
loans and reorganization.

The net asset value of the two
companies is £1.13m before
deducting loans of £1.72m.

By Edward Townsend,
Industrial Correspondent

The steel industries of the
United States, Europe and
Japan are expected to incur
losses before interest this year
totaling \$9bn (£6.08bn) accord-
ing to forecasts from the New
York stockbrokers Paine Web-
ber Mitchell Hutchins.

But the brokers also believe
that after the streamlining
implemented by most steel
makers, coupled with improve-
ments in the western econom-
ies, steel faces a relatively
buoyant future up to the end of
the century.

A dramatic improvement is
predicted after the beginning of
the recovery, expected in 1984,
with steel "shortage" - a period
when export prices on the world
market reach premium levels -
likely in 1986 or even 1985.

A 10 per cent boost in
western steel consumption,
combined with moderate stock
building by users and mills over
a six-month period, would push
world output to an annual rate
of 500 million tonnes and, the
survey says, "blow the lid off
steel prices".

The brokers say that world steel

Illingworth
takeover
report due

By Jeremy Warner

The long, complicated battle
for control of Illingworth
Morris, the Yorkshire textiles
group, comes to a head to-
morrow when the Monopolies
and Mergers Commission re-
leases its report on a takeover
bid by Mr Alan Lewis, a
Manchester businessman.

On the stock market, the
company's shares have moved
up to 12p over the last two
trading days, compared with the
10.25p a share which Mr Lewis
has said is the most he is
prepared to pay, and which
would give the group a market
capitalization of £5.4m.

The board has refused to
recommend the offer. But with
Mr Lewis already controlling
more than 48 per cent of the
shares - and this purchase has
been one of the key issues in the
Monopolies Commission investi-
gation - the directors have
little room for manoeuvre if he
gets the go-ahead.

The Commission has been
made aware of a number of
alternatives to Mr Lewis's bid.
One is an offer from Stroud
Riley Drummond, the Brad-
ford-based worsted manufac-
turer, which put a bid, said to
have been much higher than Mr
Lewis's, to various Illingworth
shareholders.

But the offer was dependent
on certain members of the
Oster family, which built up
Illingworth, continuing their
legal proceedings to prevent Mr
Lewis acquiring a key block of
shares.

Although Mr Stephan Sim-
mons, chairman of Stroud,
recently said that he was not as
interested as he had once been,
there is widespread feeling that
he is keen to return with a bid if
Mr Lewis is forced to divest.

Mr Simmons has also been
careful, in evidence to the
Commission, not to ruin re-
lations with Mr Lewis by stating
whether he is for or against him
acquiring Illingworth.

A second alternative,
favoured by the Illingworth
board, is that the group remain
independent by reviving a Hill
Samuel consortium of insti-
tutions to buy out the powerful
block of shares for many years
controlled as executor of the
Oster family, by Mrs Pamela
Mason, former wife of the actor
James Mason and a television
chat show hostess in California.

Mrs Mason has frequently
been at odds with the board
over its plans.

She decided to sell to Mr
Lewis "to pay a tax bill" and
other members of the Oster
family tried to prevent her
through the courts.

But Mr Lewis was assured of
control. However, Lord Cock-
field, then the Trade Secretary,
went against the advice of the
Office of Fair Trading and
referred the bid to the Mon-
opolies Commission.

Ward & Goldstone
to cut 550 jobs

By Andrew Cornelius

Ward & Goldstone, the
Salford-based wires, cables and
electrical appliances manufac-
turer, is being forced to close its
cables division, with the loss of
550 jobs, following a collapse in
demand for its power cables.

News of the closure was given
to the company's 3,000
employees yesterday. It will
take effect within three months
unless a buyer can be found for
the business.

The company estimates an
overcapacity of 20 per cent
within the industry, which has
been hit by falling demand for
its products from the building
and electrical industries.

The cables division made
losses of £1.5m, on sales of
£19.7m, during the year to

Ward and Goldstone
Year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £27,000 (£1.3m loss)
Statutory loss per share 0.2p (4.9p)
Turnover £58.5m (£74.5m)
Net dividend 2p (2p)
Share price 97p. Yield 2.9%

March 31, making cumulative
losses of £2.9m during the past
three years. A further £1m of
losses have been chalked up in
the past four months alone.

Despite the problems in the
cables division, the company
managed to turn round from
last year's losses of £1.3m to
pretax profits of £67,000 this
year.

The turnaround was achieved
on group turnover down from
£74m to £66.3m.

£25m deal for Dalgety

By Jonathan Clare

Dalgety's "stock and station"
subsidiary in New Zealand is
being merged with a local
company in a deal worth £25m.

The business provides ser-
vices such as auctions and
supplies to farmers, but Dalgety
is now concentrating its re-
sources in higher-yielding in-
vestments in the northern
hemisphere.

The deal has also dampened
City speculation that Dalgety
was about to ask shareholders

for cash. Rumours of a rights
issue have been rife since it took
on board Spillers' debts when it
acquired that company.

Under the deal Dalgety is
accepting an offer of 410 cents a
share, or £25m, for its 56 per
cent stake in Dalgety New
Zealand from Crown Consoli-
dated. But it will invest £10m in
a 25 per cent holding in the new
company, Dalgety Crown. The
balance of £15m will be
repatriated to Britain.

Ship Canal
in £2m
turnround

By Our Financial Staff

Manchester Ship Canal Company
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £237,000 (£1.8m loss)
Statutory earnings 6.3p (49.5p loss)
Turnover £11.4m (£11.9m)
Share price 155p down 10p

Manchester Ship Canal
Company has produced its first
pretax profits, after allowing for
exceptional items, since 1979.
During the six months to June
30 the company achieved a
remarkable turnaround from
losses of £1.8m last time to
pretax profits of £237,000.

The turnaround was achieved
despite allowing for exceptional
costs of £1.3m for redundancy
payments during the period.

The profits improvement
comes largely from the re-
duction in costs in the company
which has cut its workforce
from 2,100 two years ago to
1,600 now in response to falling
demand.

But the cuts will continue
during the rest of this year to
cope with further decreases in
demand for the company's
services.

Bridging loan for IMF likely

By John Lawless

European finance ministers
and central bankers from the
Group of 10 are to meet in five
weeks to consider a bridging
loan for the International
Monetary Fund worth \$3bn.

If this gets the go-ahead - and
the prospects appear to be good
- it will pave the way for Saudi
Arabia to provide another \$3bn
on the same terms.

Well-informed sources were
anxious yesterday to stress that
"this is not some sort of crisis
meeting". The money would be
made available to cover what is
called the IMF's "commitment
gap".

That would provide the IMF

with sufficient funds until it gets
the already agreed increase in its
quotas from member countries.

Britain was quick to sanction
an increase in its quota earlier
this year (with the United
Kingdom subscription due to
rise from 4,387bn Special
Drawing Rights to SDR
6,194bn).

Although other lending sub-
scribers have said that they will
work towards a year-end deal
for their agreements, some of
them are experiencing prob-
lems. In particular, the United
States contribution of between
\$7bn and \$8bn, is the subject of
separate bills before Congress.

which have to be reconciled.

Hence the need for a short-
term package. Mr Jacques de
Larosiere, the IMF managing
director, visited Basel a month
ago to meet European central
bankers and representatives of
Saudi Arabia. He is known to
have underlined the need for a
significant commitment of
funds right away.

IMF's own lending to poorer
countries among its 146 mem-
bers continues to outstrip its
resources, he said. The pros-
pects for more cash are not now
seen to be as bleak as first
thought.

Harvester may sell truck subsidiary

By Our Financial Staff

The American farm equip-
ment group, International
Harvester, is hoping to sell
Seddon Atkinson, its British
truck-making subsidiary, next
month.

A spokesman at the group's
Chicago headquarters yesterday
said: "We are negotiating and
hope to reach some sort of
agreement in September."

Barclays Bank, Harvester's
main creditor in Britain, said

that it would not be forcing
Seddon Atkinson into a difficult
financial position after a viola-
tion of a loan covenant.

The covenant demands that
its debts should be no greater
than five times its capital base,
and that the base must be worth
at least \$7m (£4.7m).

The closure of a Seddon
Atkinson component plant in
Oldham, Lancashire, two weeks
ahead of schedule, involving

more than 200 redundancies,
triggered the potential fault.

Barclays said: "We have
agreed to waive the breach of
covenant. Documentation is
being prepared to cover this."

No price is being disclosed
for the sale. ENASA, the
Spanish concern, is considered
the most likely buyer.

The Seddon Atkinson work-
force has been cut from 1,800
two years ago to just 662.

Half-Yearly Statement

The premium income and new business figures of the
insurance subsidiaries for the half-year ended 30 June 1983
are as follows (the corresponding



Consumer and Capital Electronics

Rediffusion
Business Electronics
Computers
Consumer Electronics
Radio Systems
Simulation



Entertainment and Leisure

Wembley Stadium
Walport
Thames Television
(associated company)
Humphries Holdings



Printing and Publishing

Argus Press
Electrical Press



Freight and Passenger Transport

United Transport International



Services to Industry

Advance Services
Reclamation and Disposal
Initial
(associated company)



Construction Related Activities

Boulton and Paul
Grayston
Eddison Plant
J.D. White

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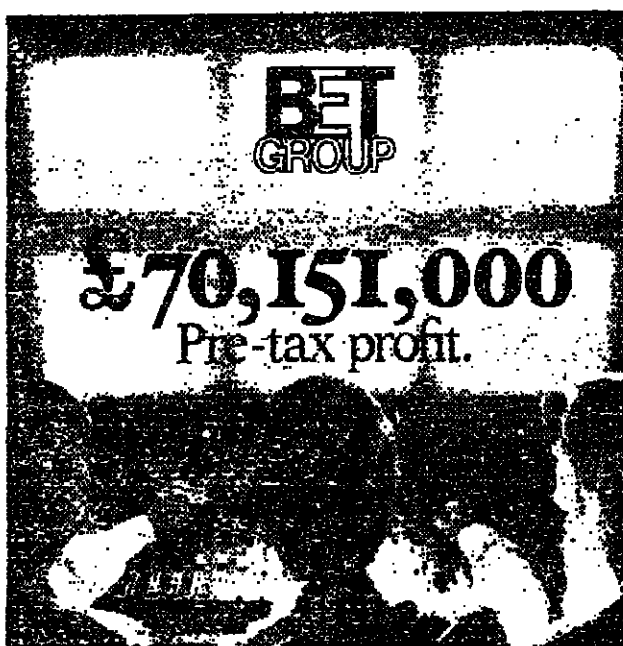
expenditure. Our long haul investment in this sector is now very close to pay-off point - with oil from the Maureen field expected to start flowing in October.

The outlook

This brings me to the immediate outlook. A year ago I said that I was 'fairly confident' that results in 1982/3 would be better than those of the previous year. Although this proved to be true, the increase in profit was a modest one. I expect that the current year's pre-tax profits will climb well away from the plateau upon which they have rested since the onset of the recession. The future looks good.

Summary of results

Year to 31st March	1983 £	1982 £
Profit before taxation	70,151,000	66,747,000
Taxation	19,127,000	31,668,000
Profit after taxation and minority interests	41,018,000	26,375,000
Deferred Ordinary Dividends	15,117,000	12,096,000
Earnings per 25p Deferred Ordinary Share	27.1p	17.4p
Dividend per 25p Deferred Ordinary Share	10.0p	8.0p



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City institutions in change - 2: Lloyd's by Andrew Cornelius

Insurers bring in the law to clean their tarnished image

"I doubt whether anyone can put their hand on their heart and say that we will never see a repeat of last year's scandal", said an insider at the Lloyd's of London insurance market last week.

His concern is echoed throughout the City of London despite a year of dramatic change since a series of scandals involving allegedly fraudulent reinsurance transactions first came to light.

The bad taste which is left after police and Department of Trade investigations into the affairs of Minet Holdings and Alexander Howden, two of the top Lloyd's insurance brokers, has shaken the belief of even the most fervent advocates of self-regulation as an effective means of controlling huge City institutions such as Lloyd's.

The Lloyd's market has had problems before. After beginning life in a coffee house in the late seventeenth century, the reputation of Lloyd's as a gambling den declined rapidly. Important reforms were made in the eighteenth century, and again in the 1920s when the market was the victim of a big fraud.

However, the size of the Lloyd's market in 1983 makes self-control risky.

Cash and investment assets held by Lloyd's brokers firms total more than £3.3bn, while members of Lloyd's (the names who invest funds through agents in the market) have pledged personal wealth of more than £2.5bn. Lloyd's position as the City's single largest earner of invisible trade earnings remains unchanged, averaging £630m a year.

Membership of Lloyd's is rising dramatically despite the poor publicity, as individuals rush to share in average returns of about £900 for every £10,000 line of insurance underwritten by Lloyd's. Mr Oliver Carruthers, committee member at the newly merged Association of Members of Lloyd's, which speaks for 1,300 of 21,000 Lloyd's members says that the increase from 6,000 members in 1972 has meant a change in the nature of the market.

"It is no longer a close-knit community" he says.

This year alone more than 1,000 members will enter the market, placing huge demands on the supervisory and control functions.

Mr Carruthers welcomes the changes in the market since the introduction of the 1982 Lloyd's Act. Last July, and the appointment of Mr Ian Davidson, as chief executive of Lloyd's in February. "But what we don't know is how it is all going to pan out", he says.

An essential part of the framework introduced by Lloyd's Act is the creation of a governing Council of Lloyd's, which has particular regard for the names whose money is invested and at risk within Lloyd's.

The new 28-member council adds eight external (non-working) members, three Bank of England approved nominees from outside the market, and the chief executive, to the 16 elected working Lloyd's members which used to govern the market through the Committee of Lloyd's.



Market's policeman, Mr Ian Davidson crusades for reforms

The other key provision of the Act is to modernize the self-regulatory procedures which date back to the previous Lloyd's Act of 1871.

The new self-regulatory framework is already beginning to take shape as the 21 task groups set up to consider the conclusions of the Fisher working party report on self-regulation make their recommendations on the implementation of the proposals to the council.

The aim will be to produce a series of rules either to be drafted as formal by-laws to be enforced by the council, or as a code of conduct for members.

This week one of the first by-laws to be established under the new regime will be published by the council.

This will make it compulsory for underwriters to disclose their interests in insurance companies from October 31. Further by-laws will be produced this year to govern reinsurance transactions, accounting procedures and controversial requirements of the Lloyd's Act 6 issue separate underwriting and broking activities to prevent conflicts of interest. This will mean big firms divesting part of their business before the 1987 deadline.

The other main change has stemmed directly from the appointment of Mr Davidson at a salary of £120,000 a year by the Bank of England.

He has been given three to five years to take a grip on the administration of Lloyd's.

improve the tarnished image of the market and help smooth the introduction of the reforms demanded by the 1982 Act.

Since his appointment in February, Mr Davidson has established a new structure which reduces the number of departments from 17 to seven, each run by one of his appointees and reporting directly to him.

A new committee structure is also awaiting approval by the council which will streamline the process by which it delegates its workload.

As part of this process the Investigations Committee was beefed up by adding Mr Davidson, legal experts and experienced working members of the market to its ranks.

Mr Davidson is also working hard to improve relations with the media. First he aims "to take a lot of the mystery and suspicion away from Lloyd's".

Later he intends to turn this rather defensive strategy into an offensive one aimed at promoting the unique strengths of Lloyd's.

This will involve tours to the US, India and the Far East to meet Lloyd's clients. Mr Davidson also hopes to become a buccannier for the British insurance industry in Europe, where restrictive practices prevent Lloyd's and the major big British composite insurance companies from winning business, particularly in West Germany and France.

If he succeeds in breaking down the barriers in Europe, it could pave the way for an end to a traditional dependence on the US market, which still provides 40 per cent of the total Lloyd's premium income.

There will be more unfortunate publicity this autumn when the results of investigations into Minet and Howden are released to the council by the QCs hired to investigate the cases.

There has been considerable embarrassment caused by the news that Lloyd's has reopened its investigations into the former reinsurance organization, which was first investigated by Sir Peter Green, the chairman of Lloyd's.

The report of the Investigations Committee is expected to explain whether Sir Peter's investigation into the affair, which involved a personal friend, Mr Peter Cameron Webb, should have found anything amiss.

The decision to reopen the investigation has led to fresh speculation about the future of Sir Peter as chairman of Lloyd's and the effectiveness of controls. He has yet to decide whether to stand for reelection for a further term as chairman in November.

Many observers argue that Lloyd's needs a fresh face at the top if it is to achieve the new image the Bank of England seeks. Mr Davidson denies that he is engaged in a power struggle with Sir Peter.

"He's the chairman, I'm the managing director," is the way he explains their relationship. "I'm not aware of any power struggle," he says.

More critical is the introduction of effective self-regulation measures, Mr Davidson says.

"I'm a great believer that self-regulation is the best form of regulation. I want to teach the members of Lloyd's to govern themselves. I think that one of the problems has been that they have lived in a world in which there are no rules and that now there are rules. They have said we had better hire some lawmen to make those rules. The lesson they have to learn is that they have to write their own laws."

What remains unclear is whether the introduction of the new measures can be achieved with a minimum of fuss and without a repeat of the scandals.

Tomorrow: The Stock Exchange

People/Walter Bauer of Informatics



Thinking vertically

by Roger Woolnough

Vertical markets, says Walter Bauer, will be the next big trend in computing. "Accountants and lawyers and insurance," he adds, "are three vertical markets we are very much interested in. They are the coming thing in this business."

As one of the veterans of computer software, Bauer's views are worthy of respect. When he says that he is steering his California-based company, Informatics General Corporation, in a particular direction, it is likely to indicate one of the future mainstays of the business.

"Software is the name of the game," he explained in London recently. "If you are a law firm or an accounting firm, and you are putting in a computer for the first time, you look at what software is available. Computers have become like commodities, and there's not much to differentiate one from the other. It's the software which makes them different."

But when he talks about vertical marketing, Walter Bauer means more than just designing software packages aimed at specific groups of users. The concept embraces a total solution, including software, hardware, professional

services and consulting. "This is another big opportunity in the computer services industry," he says.

After more than 30 years working with computers, Bauer is as excited by developments today as he was in 1951, when he first became involved. "It was a bit of an accident," he admits.

Following war service with the US Air Force, he received a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Michigan. There were only four computers in the United States then. All were being used for air defence or nuclear research, and the university was one of the few places involved in computing.

Bauer began to specialise in the new technology, and helped to expand computer applications beyond the laboratory. He was responsible for one of the first computer installations to control road traffic in Los Angeles in the early 1960s.

Informatics was formed in 1962, and now ranks as the fifth largest independent software and services company. Revenues in 1982 were \$170m.

When the company was formed I felt that software had intrinsically the same value as the hardware," Bauer recalls.

"At the time that was rather a new thought."

Putting an economic value on software was virtually impossible. Up to the mid-1960s every computer program was written specially for a particular application, either by the user or by a consultant.

"Then it occurred to us that one program could serve the needs of several users. Some of my software friends said that would never happen, because people had different requirements and would never accept a uniform product."

In helping to prove them wrong, Walter Bauer has developed a faith in software that nothing can shake.

"If you are interested in investing in the movie industry," he comments, "you are probably not interested in the projectors and the cameras. You are interested in the movies. That's the way it is with the computer industry - the software is the interesting part."

A caption in Computer Horizons on July 19 incorrectly referred to those in the picture as the F International accounts team. This should have read "senior management team."

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WALL STREET

New York (NYT) - When the American Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade last week announced plans to give their members access to each others' stock index futures and options markets, it marked the next to last round in the eventual integration of the securities and futures markets.

The last step in the process will involve merging the Securities and Exchange Commission with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Stock	Price	Change	Stock	Price	Change
AMEX	100.00	+0.25	IBM	150.00	+1.00
NYSE	100.00	+0.25	Microsoft	120.00	+2.00
AMEX	100.00	+0.25	Apple	80.00	+1.00
NYSE	100.00	+0.25	Commodities	60.00	+0.50
AMEX	100.00	+0.25	Options	40.00	+0.25
NYSE	100.00	+0.25	Futures	30.00	+0.10
AMEX	100.00	+0.25	Commodities	20.00	+0.05
NYSE	100.00	+0.25	Options	10.00	+0.02
AMEX	100.00	+0.25	Futures	5.00	+0.01
NYSE	100.00	+0.25	Commodities	2.50	+0.005
AMEX	100.00	+0.25	Options	1.25	+0.002
NYSE	100.00	+0.25	Futures	0.625	+0.001

Big spurt at Anglo Nordic

By Andrew Cornelius

Anglo Nordic Holdings Half-year to 31.5.83 Pretax profit £266,000 (£53,000) Started earnings 1.15p (0.40p) Turnover £20.8m (18.8m) Net interim dividend 0.4p Share price 33.5p down 1.5p Dividend payable 9.9.83

Pretax profits at Anglo Nordic Holdings, the engineering group which won a full stock market listing in March, have increased fivefold from £53,000 to £266,000 in the six months to May 31. But Mr Brian Wolfson, chairman of the company, stresses that the interim results are not meaningful comparable with the same period last year, when the group was trading on the USM as Anglo Argentine Tramways.

The latest figures include a first-time contribution from the Braby Leslie businesses which were acquired earlier this year after a bitter £8m takeover battle.

To avoid seasonal disparities in future the board is extending the present financial year until March 31 next, which will ensure that in the future the two halves of the financial year will produce a more even result pattern.

Battle over price of Guinness

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

An already-flaring battle of the brewers, with Arthur Guinness and Son under fire, is likely to take a new turn soon with consumers standing to gain by a cheaper pint of Guinness's draught stout. This could arise because of possible interpretations of new EEC regulations affecting beer supplies to tenanted pubs.

The battle has already led to one brewing chain stopping sales of Guinness in some outlets and there could be further withdrawals.

Chef and Brewer, which is part of Grand Metropolitan whose main brewing subsidiary is Watney Mann Truman, is dropping sales of draught Guinness in 75 of its near-1,500 pubs and has warned it at a stop selling the draught stout in others. Chef and Brewer is unhappy about profit margins on Guinness and wants more in-pub Guinness promotions.

Ind Coope, part of Allied Lyons, is also asking Guinness about tailor-made promotions.

But the dispute over profit margins could soon escalate. New EEC regulations affecting sales of beer in "tied" pubs - brewery-owned outlets that are tenanted - could change the

Japan is top customer again

By John Lawless

Japan has regained its position as Britain's biggest market in the Far East after a decline in imports by Hongkong.

Hongkong overtook Japan as Britain's best customer in the Far East in the first five months of last year, when it bought British goods worth £331m. In January to May this year, Britain's exports to Hongkong fell back to £284m.

Japanese purchases from Britain in the same periods

have risen from £285m to £301m. That marginal rise will not offset complaints by British trade officials about a two-way trade deficit that is at present more than £2.55bn a year.

The trade officials are anxious to see whether the strenuous efforts by the Japanese Government to force industrial consumers to buy foreign equipment result in increase sales this year, and even more next year.

However, Hongkong over-

take Japan as Britain's best Far East market this year.

British exports are affected by shipments made into Hongkong projects such as the new Castle Peak power station and extension to the Mass transit underground railway.

There is also concern that West Germany could take Britain's place as main European supplier to Singapore.

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Has Britain now found an answer to Wang?

THE WEEK

Clive Cookson

As one of the brightest prospects among Britain's home-grown computer companies, Information Technology Ltd (ITL), has raised £3.4m from five venture capital groups. The new finance should sustain ITL's 50 per cent annual growth rate and help managing director Tony Davies achieve his ambition of making the group Britain's answer to Wang, the immensely successful American office automation giant.

Two of the new investors, the Palmer Organisation and Oak Investments, are American, and ITL is counting on their connections to provide an entry into the United States market which it has not yet exploited. But the group remains 70 per cent British-owned.

ITL is little known in the computer industry, despite having a turnover of £18m in 1982/83 and a projected £27m this year. That is because it acts as a parent company, working through three operating subsidiaries: Computer Technology Ltd (CTL) based in Hemel Hempstead, Office Technology Ltd (OTL) Winchester, and Network Technology Ltd (NTL, Reading).

CTL is the largest of the three, concentrating on super-mini computers for high speed transaction processing, particularly in the manufacturing and distribution industries. It is the only British company specialising in what are variously called "resilient" or "fail-safe" or "nonstop" computers.

But Tony Davies insists that CTL's approach to resilience is quite different from Tandem and the other American suppliers of nonstop computers. They concentrate on ensuring that the hardware does not fail, he says, while CTL emphasizes software resilience - guaranteeing that a large database remains uncorrupted whatever any of the users do at their terminals. (CTL's software protection technology originated from a secret project to develop a criminal database for Scotland Yard.)

OTL, which took over the word processor company Data Recall last year, concentrates on document processing in the widest sense. Its speciality will be office systems that mix text processing with Graphics, voice and data processing.

NTL, the newest and smallest of the trio, is a digital communications company. Like Wang, it believes that the future of local area networks lies in broadband systems which can handle video images, rather than the baseband of Ethernet (the network which comes closest to an industry standard).

The company's own broadband system uses the same technology as cable television, and it has won an interesting contract from the Department of Industry to develop means for Britain's emerging cable TV systems to communicate with each other, creating a new national communications network.

The three ITL operating companies will work increasingly closely together over the next two or three years, Mr Davies says. The tiny corporate management team of five is to be supplemented by a central strategic unit with about ten staff.

But the process is unlikely to proceed to a full merger of the three units, Mr Davies believes in "swinging the pendulum" between centralization and decentralization every five years or so.

ITL has concentrated so far in building up strength in the home market. There have been limited exports to Europe but virtually none to the United States, which the management sees as the most promising market in the long term. Mr Davies is certain that a lucrative niche exists there for OTL's document processing systems and for CTL's database protection technology.

Using the contacts provided by the new US investors, ITL is assessing alternative strategies for attacking the American market. Some form of joint venture with an established US company is the most likely approach.

The American involvement was one major reason why ITL went for more venture capital funding rather than going public on the booming Unlisted Securities Market. Another is that Mr Davies is not yet convinced of the stability of the USM. He would prefer to go straight to a full Stock Exchange listing two or three years from now.



Chris Chiles in the BLSL computer centre.

Inside BL's nerve centre

By Geoffrey Ellis

The building, hidden deep in the Worcestershire countryside is approached through remote controlled video monitored gates set in a high security fence. Once inside, access to sensitive areas is by a system of electronic key cards that do not disfigure the Pentagon. It is the nerve centre of the British motor industry, the computer centre of British Leyland Systems Ltd (BLSL). At the very centre of the building is a 12,000 square foot computer room where more than £14m of hardware pursues away processing some of the thousand million characters of company data, without which most of BL would rapidly come to a halt.

BLSL, a wholly owned subsidiary of BL, was set up in 1979 under the management of Sir Michael Edwards, to market the expertise gained in its primary role of providing technological support to the parent company. As with so many companies, BL first moved into computing through processing pay rolls and accounts, and a plant by plant piecemeal operation prevailed. This was rationalized by opening of the new centre, and it now provides support for more than 45 BL plants.

Mr Chris Chiles, director of Computer and Communications Services, is aiming his sales at the manufacturing and distributive industries, and has Ford among his clients.

As the only private operator of a micro wave link in Europe, BLSL provides the largest

privately owned communications network in the country, carrying voice, data, text and graphics signals. The company is offering its Comet electronic mail service and ViewShare, a viewdata system - and signed Sony as its first major customer within days of receiving a licence to operate a network for data transmission.

There are just over 500 BL dealers on line to ViewShare, with that figure expected to double in the next year. By using the link they are able to locate a specific car for a customer within 30 seconds, and by abolishing much of the paperwork the error rate in claims for warranty reimbursement has dropped from 15 per cent to only 2 per cent.

Another of the successful packages originally designed to smooth the workflow on the Metro production line is ideally suited to spot potential bottlenecks in production at an early stage of planning a new factory. This "see why" package, using interactive simulation and modelling has managed to give a large chemical company an amazing 40 per cent increase in production in just one plant.

With these and a large number of other products developed in the day-to-day running of a giant manufacturing operation, Mr Chiles is confident of the growing power of the company. With a lengthening list of blue chip clients and turnover approaching £30m his optimism seems well founded.

JOB SCENE

Not easy for Tops

By Richard Sharpe

While crystal ball gazers in the computer industry insist that the days of the humble programmer are numbered many computer users still find it hard to get the right people.

In the long term the programmer must disappear. But now jobs remain to be done in the central data processing departments of thousands of UK users.

Britain has a reputation for exporting its software talent. Major US banks, Middle East oil companies and continental European engineering groups turned to UK recruitment agencies when they were stuck for programming people. This may now be changing as freelance Hungarian programmers come onto the market.

The Hungarians, so their promoters say, are talented programmers who, if not used to working with the very latest hardware, are experienced in routine applications that take up a lot of today's computing power.

The Hungarians are coming onto the market just as the Tops training scheme is undergoing an overhaul. Tops courses were one of the main ways people got into the computer industry, breaking the circle that employers wanted staff with experience but were unwilling or unable to train them.

Today, the number of people who can find employment after a Tops course in the computer industry is falling, despite the excellent quality of much of the training.

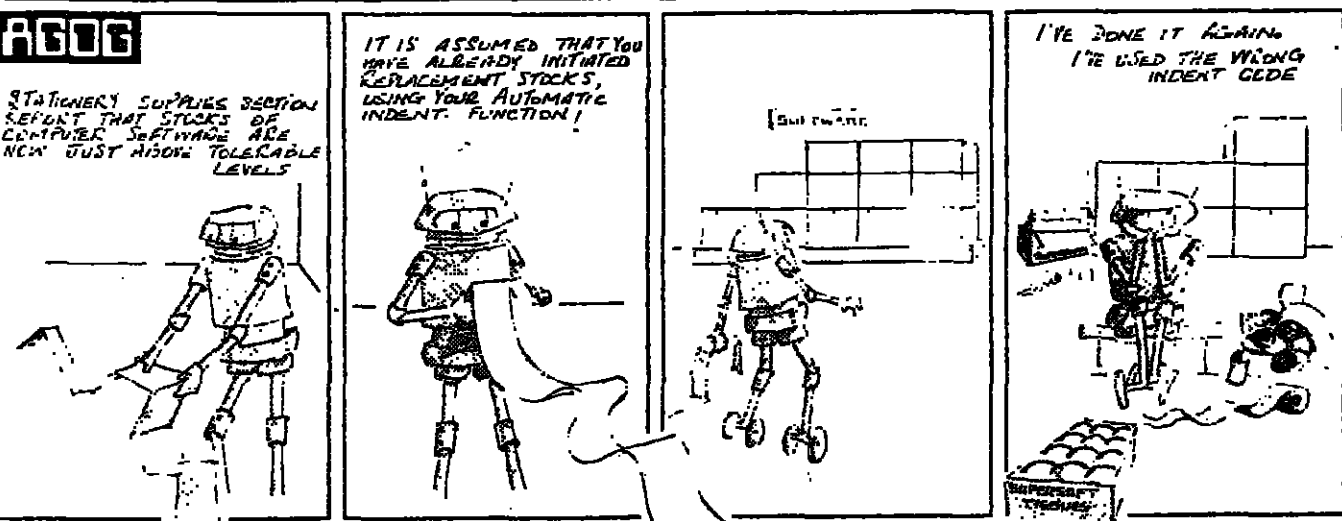
Fewer than half of those who took courses during the academic year 1981/2 had a job after three months, a recent report into the Tops scheme said. This compares with 79 per cent being placed within three months in 1979/80.

Some of this is due to the slowdown in the growth of programmers and in the numbers of operators. But it must also reflect on the course itself, or more properly, the courses, because Tops is not a single course in computer skills but a number of them run by different operations with different course contents.

A degree of standardization is called for so that the quality of training can be guaranteed, and in this way the Manpower Services Commission hopes to make graduates of the course more attractive to employers.

The key question is whether standardised courses to a higher level than now included in Tops will be able to break the circle of no experience-no job.

The Hungarians have the advantage of already being experienced. As their reputation is made their credibility will be built up, making them more attractive for other data processing managers.



The software behind the hard-sell on TV

by Maggie McLening

As teaching troubles at TV-AM showed, an independent television company is only as good as the advertising revenue it brings in. Attracting an audience is only part of the story; efficiency in booking, handling and screening commercials is also essential in the tough world that supplies tomorrow's catchphrases - by reaching the parts that no other medium but television can.

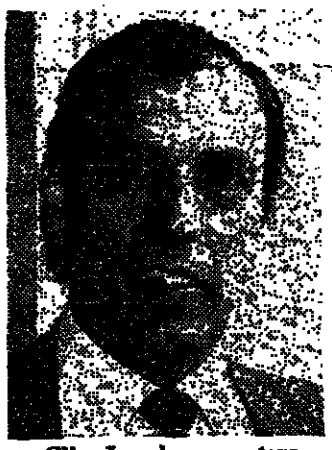
In the case of Yorkshire Television and Tyne Tees Television, it means increased reliance on computers and upon the company which provides sales, marketing and computer services: Link Television. Renamed in January 1982, Link TV evolved from its holding company, Trident Television. Managing director Clive Leach is also director of marketing and sales for Yorkshire TV.

"I'm not a computer man and know very little about them," he admitted. "In my view a computer's sole function is to do a job quicker, more easily, and more effectively. I will not have the computer tail wag the commercial dog."

Despite this, Mr Leach has made some shrewd choices of computer systems which have helped bring in Yorkshire and Tyne Tees' 15 per cent share of the total commercial television revenue, around £110,250,000 for the year ending May 1983.

Link TV has a staff of 186 divided between the computer centre in Leeds, which is also the site of transmission, and a sales department in London, with the traffic department in the London forming an administrative bridge between the two. All sales executives and their assistants are given fundamental VDU training and Mr Leach has set up a working party to coordinate sales, traffic and DP activities.

The company is moving steadily towards distributed processing and recently expanded its network with 60 terminals from Hytec Microsystems in Oxford, to provide local processing facilities for accounting, production, financial planning and word processing tasks. A mixture of model H4000s and H4300s covering both inter-



Clive Leach: computers do the job quicker

active and smaller, stand-alone Winchester disc-based operation, the terminals are connected into a dual Honeywell DPS 8/44 mainframe system, running under the GCOs operating system.

Although a variety of applications are run on the Honeywell machines, the most significant is Enterprise, a package from Enterprise Airtime Systems in Thames Ditton, which forms the hub of Link TV's airtime scheduling and accounting operation.

MARKETING

Originally developed for Thames TV in 1972, Enterprise has been adopted by 13 of the 15 independent television companies and was rewritten two years ago to cater for the introduction of Channel 4.

Advertisements are coded according to product type to avoid clashes between rivals and further checks are made to ensure that the same actors do not appear in juxtaposed programmes and commercials. Most members of Link TV's sales team have terminals to call up daily schedules to check on the amount of airtime available and its price. Each 30-second slot may have up to 10 different values, according to position and expected audience.

Mr Leach recalls the days before Enterprise was installed as "difficult". "We used to have huge boards with breaks laid out on them, and spots had different coloured cards to show their status," he explained. "Armies of girls used to move these cards around - sales people were never allowed to touch them, only to look for spaces to sell."

Under the pre-emptive system, previously employed, where a booking could be displaced by a more lucrative bid, the computer system gave considerable benefits. Link TV has now changed to a fixed-price tariff to suit the altered economic climate and conditions in the advertising market.

About 10 to 15 years ago, the amount of revenue we took each month amounted to no more than 12-20 per cent of the total, but now it's between 50-70 per cent," said Mr Leach. "Agencies are also leaving booking until much later, so that where we might once have had £50m worth of £70m booked at the beginning of the month, we now have perhaps only £35m - this is why we need a computer."

Enterprise is only part of Link TV's streamlined operation, because the company has now built a back-end enhancement to carry automation right through to transmission.

Once all commercial slots are booked, usually by midday of the day before transmission, the schedule is frozen and transmission details extracted. A Hytec micro in the transmission area holds a record of all the cassette numbers of commercial recordings, and those required by the schedule are transferred to an 8in floppy disc.

The disc is then input to an automatic cassette player with three play-heads controlling 32 bins of cassettes. Commercial breaks between programmes are of similar duration for the whole country, although the content may vary, so the cassette player in Leeds loads up the recordings listed on the disc for transmission to the Yorkshire and Tyne Tees audience.

Afterwards, the transmission controller amends the schedule according to his records and a final version is produced on a word processor, for distribution to the IBA and the Audience of Great Britain organizations.

Quick ticket

People Express, the cost cutting Trans-Atlantic airline, is leading other airlines with hand-held portable computers as in-flight ticket machines. With more than eight Sharp portables to each flight, the cabin staff issue a detailed ticket to each passenger during the flight. Programmable function keys enable attendants to print out meal requirements, accept payment in either dollars or sterling, and pay for headsets and extra baggage. They have been used for ten months on domestic routes and are seen as a major cost saving operation by abolishing ticketing facilities at airports.

Cartridge battle looming

by Martin Hayman

Atari UK faces a vicious price war in the coming pre-Christmas period, when sales of home computer hardware and games software hit their traditional seasonal peak. Its own new range of products, announced at the recent Chicago Consumer Electronics Show, is still some way from being ready for Britain.

Commodore has attacked on the hardware and software fronts, dropping the price of its games cartridges to £10 - one-third of Atari's. Sinclair is shortly to equip its best-selling ZX-Spectrum with a ROM cartridge and games joystick interface to complement its new cheap data storage device, the Microdrive. Competitors like Mattel and Coleco are taking the British market seriously and are selling aggressively priced games machines which can easily be converted by addition of a storage device and a keyboard into home computers.

Then there are new UK companies like the Pifco-backed Consumer Electronics, whose intention is to market cut-price peripherals like joysticks and printers imported from the United States and the Far East for Atari and other home machines.

Atari's problem is that it has been simply too successful. It was among the first to spot the potential of "interactive TV" and in 1976 Warner Communications, whose film and record business was already feeling the pinch, bought the idea. So successful was the arcade game, of which Space Invaders is the best example, that in 1981 Atari was contributing around 65 per cent of the group's profits.

But in 1982 Atari began to lose heavily in the US as the craze for arcade games waned. Buyers expected, and got, home computers from other manufacturers that would run the fast, vivid machine-code graphics that characterise arcade games - but unlike the VCS machines could be used for programming too. The coin-in-the-slot craze had also waned when Atari and their associates Williams failed to come up with "hit" games of the quality of Invaders, Pac-Man and Defender.

Atari's initial success in Britain was founded on the quality of its VCS games machines, which were sold through Ingersoll. But when Atari spotted that there was serious business to be done in the UK and EEC and wanted to buy back its UK interest, it found itself up against Gerald Ronson, boss of the Heron Group who controlled Ingersoll, and who extracted a swingeing £21m.

Atari set up the new company, bringing in Clark from Rank Xerox and Eric Salamon from Mars as marketing director. The new men are optimistic that the games business will turn profitable again this year.

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Lessons for cricket and football in the gridiron game

What American way of sporting life would do for Britain

I remember when I was at Lord's in the company of an amiable but intolerant gentleman, watching England getting whacked by the West Indies. At the end, with the predictable pitch invasion at its height, he turned to me and said: "Look at it — the sacred turf is covered in wogs."

I don't know what he would have said last Saturday when Art Plunkett, Craig Puckett, Tootie Robbins and all their pals from St Louis Cardinals collided so thunderously with the Minnesota Vikings in the American football match at Wembley Stadium. It was a fortnight and a million light years away from the Charity Shield match between Liverpool and Manchester United.

Initial remarks that this seemed to be a game of chess played with emotion and momentum instead of chess pieces did not go down well in a press box stuffed with enthusiasts and connoisseurs, so I was forced to keep silent and allow the delights of this genuinely beautiful game to make themselves plain.

Grim faces

Up in this glass-fronted eyrie, a pair of borrowed race glasses in my hand, I could see the grim faces behind the helmets, could even see the lips of the quarter-back move, apparently, I am informed, saying such things as "59-red-blue-but" I could even see the lips of the Vikings moving as "The Star Spangled Banner" was played before the match. My informant told me they had been practising.

It is a lovely game, at least for the spectator, and one cannot fail to be impressed by the American way of specialization. We Brits revel in the amateur approach even among people who get paid for playing. In the gridiron game, you get good at one thing, you stay good and you draw your pay. General all-round competence is anathema. Each team includes an entire team of 11 men whose function is solely to receive

kicks. Their total involvement in the game is no more than a couple of minutes.

A kicker has an even easier life, sauntering out to kick a ball once every hour or so. Perhaps our brave boys who went to New Zealand would have profited under such a system.

Different teams

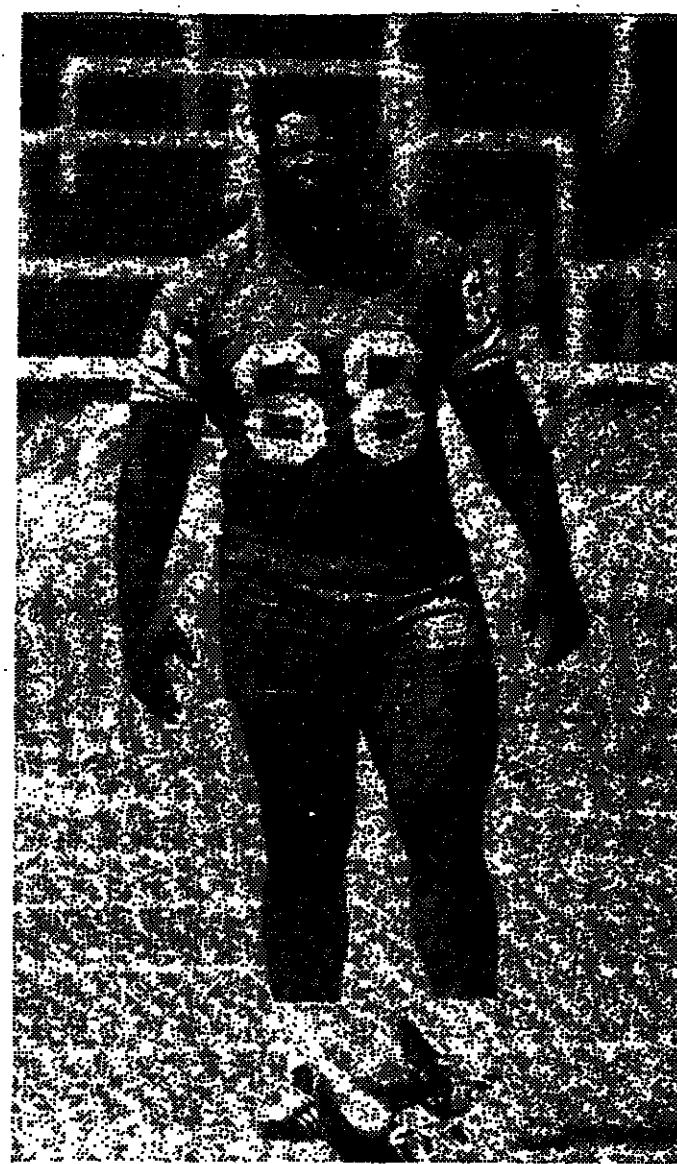
There are also completely different teams for the tasks of attack and defence. This would be an intriguing innovation in the Football League: clubs could amalgamate and become unbeatable. Imagine playing Luton's first 11 when the ball crossed the halfway line and every time it came back into your own half, switching to 11 men from another club. But I have promised to give up Arsenal jokes.

The woes of the England cricket selectors could be cancelled at a stroke under such a system. With a line-up of 20 or more bowlers, you would have a man for every occasion, with a dozen and more batsmen of varying styles. That true specialist, Bob Taylor, would hold his England place until he was 90, all batting worries cast aside forever.

You could have various fielding sides, a band of nine fleet-footed Derek Randalls for saving runs, a gang of toffee-fingered catchers for more aggressive moments. The only drawback is that we would lose the joys of watching Bob Willis bat as a bowler, he is in a select group of the greatest; but as a batsman he is unique.

The rhythms of the gridiron game are somewhat alien. The game involves a great deal of hanging about, with much running on and off the pitch. The fact that the uniforms make every player appear identical adds a further factor of bafflement.

Before anything can happen, the two groups of players actually about to do something hold rival prayer meetings a few yards apart. Then each player takes a different pose and holds it, like an over-consciousness



Training is a yawn: Bob Bon, a Viking without a helmet

mime student, and then we have all this red-blue-but business.

There follows about five seconds of action, like mimes performing some drama called *Anthill* poked with stick, and then perhaps by prearranged signal, everybody falls over. It is like ring-a-ring-a-roses. If the spectator has worked out where the ball is, let alone how it got there and why, he is doing rather well.

Game analysis

All is made clear when a kind fellow gives the journalists a duplicated sheet, carrying a move-by-move analysis of the game, a great American custom. It tells you all you could possibly wish to know: "Ted Brown 1st down 5 yd gain, Run oob." Or "Lish is sacked by Hart and Ashley at the 23, 4yd loss". They don't provide that

kind of service at Tooting and Mitcham FC.

But like the game of football, as we know it, gridiron has those moments of sudden explosion, moments when the game leaps from the pedestrian to the excited, moments when all the 59-red-blue-but works, and sheer inspiration is added to the mixture, the forward pass soaring from the cage of milling giants, the ecstatic moment as the wide receiver clings on to the impossible ball in the teeth of a band of murderous ruffians in the wrong-coloured shirts, and you are in the wholly familiar territory of sheer joy, and you remember what sport is all about again.

There is untrammelled delight to be taken in such specialized excellence. But I would hate to be deprived of Bob Willis's batting.

Simon Barnes

£70,000 Campbell reunion at Derby

Peter Taylor has paid some of his own money to buy the Bradford City centre forward, Bobby Campbell, from Bradford City.

Derby County could not afford the full £70,000 fee for the Northern Ireland international on Taylor and his management team made an interest-free loan to the club. Campbell will therefore re-join the former Bradford manager, Roy McFarland, at Derby.

The Zimbabwe national team have arrived in Britain for a two-week tour, during which they will play Derby County, Carlisle United, Port Vale and Coventry City. Coventry toured Zimbabwe today, beating the national team 5-2 and winning three of five matches against club sides.

West Bromwich Albion have been quoted a fee of £175,000 for the Aston Villa centre-half, Ken McNamara, who has turned down the offer of a new two-year contract. Roy Wylie, the Albion manager, who has been out of the club since 1971, is now playing manager at Peterborough.

Chelsea's unsettled midfield player, Mike Filmer, has promised to let Coventry City know today whether he has decided to sign for them. He has agreed terms with the Coventry manager, Bobby Gould, but talked to two other first division clubs, including Queens' Park Rangers, at the weekend.

Tommy Taylor, the former West Ham and Orient central defender, is to join Charlton Athletic as player-coach. Charlton are the subject of a transfer embargo which prevents them from buying players, but Taylor is a free agent after leaving the Belgian club, Beerschot. He will be responsible mainly for the reserve team at the Valley but he will be available for first team duty if required.

Liverpool have completed the signing of the goalkeeper, Bob Bolder, from Sheffield Wednesday (£150,000) and the centre forward, Mike Robinson, from Brighton (£250,000).

Southend United have signed Steve Collins, a defender or midfielder player, from Peterborough and Greg Shepherd, a forward, from Coventry City.

The Welsh international winger, Alan Davies, will be out of the Manchester United side for at least three months after breaking his left ankle in a pre-season friendly against Stamford of the United Counties League.

Millwall have cancelled next Saturday's game at Maidstone on police advice. The decision follows the trouble in Millwall's match last Saturday at Tonbridge when the referee, Graham Crafar, took both teams off midway through the first half for their behaviour on the pitch involving about 100 teenagers. Millwall blamed "so-called fans from another League club".

GOLF

A cub called Sutton follows the tracks of the Golden Bear

Los Angeles (Reuters). — Hal Sutton has taken the first step towards the superstar status enjoyed by Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson by winning a big tournament in only his second season.

Nicklaus, who failed by one stroke to catch Sutton in yesterday's climax to the US PGA Championship, had no doubt his young rival was on the way to a successful career. "Hal, Congratulations," the "Golden Bear" said after watching Sutton tap in a four-inch putt that gave him the title at the Riviera Country Club. "That'll be the first of many for you."

Sutton, who led from start to finish, at one time built up a five-stroke lead then saw it dwindle to one as he tried to play conservatively and only succeeded in dropping a stroke on three successive holes. However, he steadied himself and had pars for the last four.

Needing a par at the formidable 447-yard 18th hole, Sutton sent a low drive soaring over a ridge and into the fairway, then smacked a five-iron 15 feet below the hole for an on two putts. That gave him a 7-1 for the day and a 10-under-par total of 274.

Sutton's closest challenger was not, as expected, Ben Crenshaw, who led away from Nicklaus in the second round, but Jack Jacobson. Nicklaus closed with a 66 for a 275 total, while Jacobson was just one more stroke off a 65 in which he had seven birdies in the first 12 holes.

Sutton, the 25-year-old son of an oil millionaire in Shreveport, Louisiana, has compiled a record in his first two years as a professional. The year he was named "Rookie of the Year". His 1982 earnings of \$237,434 set a record for a first-year



Sutton: smile, looks and trophy are out of Nicklaus' mouth

player, and already this season is assured of setting a similar mark for second-year players with \$397,684.

Like Nicklaus, he won an event in his first season (the Nicklaus it was the U.S. Open) and has wasted little time in succeeding in this tournament. Also like Nicklaus he is blond and well-built, and is a long hitter of the ball.

One area in which Nicklaus has a great advantage is experience, with 17 titles to his credit. Sutton asked him how to get used to playing the 18th hole for a championship. "Hey, enjoy it," was Nicklaus' reply. "This is what you've worked for."

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The man with the monitor that could put Coe back on the right track

Today's timetable

Juantorena blames it on a 'push'

A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a person's face. The image is heavily shadowed and textured, with a grainy, almost abstract quality. The person appears to be wearing a mask or has a distorted expression, with deep shadows and bright highlights creating a stark, dramatic effect. The overall mood is dark and unsettling.

'No-holds-barred' final in prospect for Rose

Pounding for athletes

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David Martin is an exercise physiologist with seven years' qualifications for his position as lecturer at a hospital in Atlanta, where he runs an analysis clinic for some of the top runners in the US, including Tom Byers, Craig Virgin and Julie Brown. It is his responsibility to conduct, on behalf of the US Olympic Committee, long-term monitoring after several years.

be. "What we could hope to do for Seb, or David Moorcroft, or anyone else, is help them to train around their excellence, instead of around the borders of injury or illness. Peter Coe may be a fine coach, but he does not know Seb's disease mechanism, or his diet idiosyncrasies. We have figures on the blood analysis after *over-training* because we monitor our athletes every two months. The one thing you can say with *certainty* is that some athletes are not making the most of themselves, from the very fact they are not

Coe said from his home yesterday that he would gladly consider going for analysis by Martin, with whom he has had previous discussions, depending on the outcome of his present tests in England. He has already said he will not run again internationally unless he can



Coe: case for analysis

There has been a strange demonstration of disloyalty among some other athletes and coaches, suggesting all manner of defects in the statements by other coaches such as John Allen, made without any knowledge of the training pattern or diary which has brought Coe his past successes.

After last night's semi-finals of the 800 metres there can be little doubt that the champion will be Joaquim Cruz, the tall, sloping Brazilian, who won in 1min 45.62sec after easing up over most of the last 50 metres. His huge stride eats up the ground and though he gives no impression of sharp, basic speed, he can respond to any challenge thrown at him apparently without much effort. Robinson had to fight hard to take second qualifying place behind Cruz, ahead of Dupont (France) and Kalinkin (Soviet Union).

Garry Cook was at the shoulder of the leaders, Koskei (Kenya) and Guimaraes (Brazil), for a lap but from third at the bell he faded to sixth, with Wulbeck coming through hard on the outside down the straight to win in 1min 46.21sec. But I do not think the experienced German or his compatriot Ferner, the European champion, who took the third heat in 1min 45.24sec, have it in them to defeat Cruz, fastest of the year behind Coe

Results from Helsinki

Men G Wall (Can.) 57.14, Heat 2: 1. A Ambrosini (USSR) 56.20; 2. S Morley (GB) 56.58; 3. P Krug (EG) 56.87, Heat 3: 1. H B Moutswold (Mor.) 56.52; 2. P Pfaff (EG) 56.55; 3. H Fredrikson (Mor.) 56.68; 5. V Elder (GB) 58.74, Heat 4: 1. D Flinfort (Aust.) 58.47; 2. C Colaco (Rom.) 58.48; 3. E Fiedler (EG) 58.58; 5. Inyor (GB) 59.25

T. Schomleke (US), 45.90; 4 M. Wiegner (WG), 45.12; Heist 2; 1 B. Camaro (Chen), 45.70; 2 D. Martin (Aus), 45.64; 3 S. Sheppard (New), 45.70; 4 A. de Geron Souza (Br), 45.84; Heist 3; 1 T. Weber (WG), 45.07; 2 M. Ryssow (Aust), 45.51; 3 M. Paul (Fin), 45.44; 4 S. Nicks (Ger), 45.70; 5 V. Martin (USSR), 45.16; 2 S. Nic (US), 45.15; 1 J. Tomiko (Cz), 45.24; 2 T. Bennett (GB), 45.20.

400 METERS HURDLES: Sami Faidi: Heist 1; 1 E. Mosses (U.S.), 45.11; 2 A. Phillips (U.S.), 45.11.

44,950; 3, Die Ba (USSR), 48,115; 4, A Khavro (USSR), 48,775; Hase 2, 1, 14, 14, Schmidt (W. G. 48,567; 2, D Lee (U.S.), 48,820; 3, R Saperstein (Pol), 48,177; 4, B Nylander (Sov), 48,118.

HAWAIIAN QUANTITIES: 1, S Larkin (USSR), 74,602; 2, Kuznetsov (USSR), 74,716; 3, Sadykh (USSR), 75,555; 4, J. Tannen (Fed), 75,022; 5, Roshchin (USSR), 74,438; 6, F Dreyer (USSR), 74,724; 7, K-H Elstam (NW), 74,445; 8, H Hanna (Fed), 74,228; 10, I Hagan (USSR), 74,426; 11, R Bank (USS), 75,835; 12, C Garner (USS), 75,444.

Women

400 METERS: Second round: Heat 1: 1, M. Frijoles (USSR), 51.05; 2, R. Bryant (US), 51.44; 3, S. Black (EGY), 51.46; 4, C. Crooks (CAN), 51.57. Heat 2: 1, I. Baalakovna (USSR), 51.07; 2, G. Busmann (WGR), 51.16; 3, D. Polzmann (EGY), 51.62; 4, M. Kallingsback (CAN), 51.63.

Flying high: Ed Moses, favourite for the 400m hurdles winning his semi-final yesterday.

GOLF **A new Iron Lady equals a record**

Mike Ried established the record in 1980. It had been equalled three times this year, by Maria Figueira, Miss Southard, and Miss Thomson.

Miss Thomson is hard to satisfy or at least finds it difficult to satisfy her self. Her glow of pleasure was dulled as she realized that her bird had been better.

Certainly, she could well have done without a third putt on the short hole and certainly one or two birdies narrowly failed. But whoever played a round of golf believing that the score could have been lower?

MISS THOMSON'S RECORD

row from the 11th had shot a 10-wood 150 yds. 125 missed by a millimetre or two.

Among those in second place, Miss Dowling, winner recently of the Jersey Open, had the best outward half of the day, 33, but was out of the hole on the 11th at 140, including three putts and another shot dropped at the 11th.

FINISH ROUND: Leading scores (68 and 69) around greens standing: G. M. Thomson, 70.25; R. Dowling, D. Langford, M. Webster, 72; M. Pearson, 73; M. Figueira, 74; M. Thomson, 74.5; M. Thomson (Sweet, 74; C. Richards, 74; L. Lumley, 74; M. Smith, 74.5; J. Schwartz, 76; D. Hastings, 77; G. Thomson, 78; A. Wynn, J. Seaton, 78.5).

(G. M.)

Grants to be withheld for a year

In Edinburgh yesterday Mr Ken Hutchinson, the chief executive, said the Council faced "serious financial difficulties" in its capital grants scheme. The supply of funds had dwindled, while demand continued to increase. The decision had been taken "with deep regret," but there had been no alternative.

Mr. Hutchinson said it was impossible to forecast when the scheme might be resumed, but added that a record of worthwhile projects will be kept, which the Council may be able to consider at a later date.

Private enterprise Olympics next year

Los Angeles will also have the highest ticket prices in Olympic history, the smog that often hangs over the city in the summer threatens to spoil some of the days; a 46-member police squad is being trained to fight terrorism; and the Soviet Union has still not said it will

cost \$4m (£2.6m) is being financed by McDonald's, the hamburger restaurant chain. The Southland Corporation, which owns a national chain of food stores called 7-11, has paid a similar amount for the Videotronics cycling stadium.

Atlanta is offering a wide range of facilities, including a 35m tank and canoe slalom, the official 35mm camera, Buick, one of the lines of cars-made by General Motors, is the official car, and there is even an official video game, Atari.

"The Games will not be as lavish as the Olympics of the past, because we are not a big city," says the Atlanta Olympic Committee spokesman. "But we are offering a \$50 a night for a small room to \$25,000 a house for the 16 days the Games." — Reuters.

IN BRIEF

QPR net £450,000 sponsorship

Queen's Park Rangers, newly promoted to the first division, have agreed a three-year sponsorship deal with Guinness worth £450,000. The company plan a range of incentives for players and supporters, including an award scheme for outstanding performances in league matches.

The club's new manager, Bertie Peacock, will be in charge of the club's home ground in The Hague after losing 4-1 on penalties to the Dutch

GOLF: Patti Rizzo, an American, scored a final round of 68 in Denver, Massachusetts, to win her first Ladies Professional Golf Association title with a total of 277, 11 under par. The Australian, Jane Lee, was second after a 69 in the final round to finish at 279. Fred Bradley and Vicki Tabor, both Americans, were the further three strokes behind in third place.

side Freydonard. The teams were tied at 3-3 after 90 minutes. Hamburg, the European champions, won the tournament with a 3-2 victory over standard league rivals Borussia Dortmund. Borussia Forest were third in a four-team competition after beating the Romanian national team 2-0 with Gary Birds scoring both goals. Borussia Dortmund, Utrecht and Borussia Mönchengladbach were runners-up.

- South African Hugh Bosochi, who won the State of Origin last month, has entered the £12,500 Parsel Holidays Southern Professional Championship at Worthing from August 24-26.
- The appeal by Vivian Saunders against the £1,000 she had been fined by the Professional Golfers' Association has been dismissed. Westworth on August 15.

FOR THE RECORD

NEW YORK JETS 15.

FOOTBALL

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE: Chicago Sting 5, San Diego Padres 4; Tampa Bay Rowdies 4, Team America 1.

Tarponnet Tournament: First: Club America (Slovakia) 2, Purdue United 1. Third place:

0; Gornik Walbrzych 1, GKS Katowice 1; Gornik Zabrze 1, Ruch Chorzow 2; Motor Lublin 3, Stal Wroclaw 0; Zagłębie Sosnowiec 0, Szechenyi Byston 0; Baltyk Gdynia 0, Widzew Lodz 2; LKS Lodz 1, Legia Warszawa 1.

FOR THE RECORD

POLISH LEAGUE: Lech Poznań 1, Wisła Kraków 0; Górnik Wałbrzych 3, GKS Katowice 1; Górnik Zabrze 1, Ruch Chorzów 2; Motor Lublin 3, Śląsk Wrocław 0; Zagłębie Sosnowiec 0, Szombierki Bytom 0; Baltyk Gdynia 0, Widzew Łódź 2; ŁKS Łódź 1, Legia Warszawa 1.

BOXING

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1,284; 4, J. Arles (US) 1,270; 5, I. Landi (CZ) 1,241; 6, J. McEnroe (US) 1,220; 7, J. Connors (US) 1,146; 8, J.-L. Clerc (Arg) 1,055; 9, G. Mayer (US) 730; 10, G. Vilas (Arg) 702.

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BASEBALL				
Eastern Division				
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Baltimore Orioles	62	44	.585	
Detroit Tigers	62	46	.574	1
Milwaukee Brewers	61	48	.570 1/2	
New York Yankees	59	47	.557	3
Toronto Blue Jays	60	48	.556	3
Boston Red Sox	54	54	.500	9
Cleveland Indians	45	63	.409	19

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lions return with pride

The tour of New Zealand by the "Young Lions", the British Amateur Rugby League party, was "a resounding success", Maurice O'Drory, the national administrator of the game in Britain, said.

In support for Mr O'Drory's view comes from Ron McGregor, president of the New Zealand Rugby League. "The Young Lions have been perfect ambassadors both on and off the field," he said, "and have been a credit to the game."

eight games and shared the two-match international series with the young Kiwis. The young Lions became the British national team to play under the new international board laws, which include the release of the ball on the third tackle. Despite having no previous experience they adjusted to them perfectly.

Another notable feature of the tour was the fact that the tourists only conceded three penalties for

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IRA fear traitor wrecked kidnap

A which hunt within the Provisional IRA was stepped up last night for a new kind of supergrass, the man who saboteged the start of a big fund-raising campaign.

The failure of an IRA gang to kidnap Mr. Gaen Weston, the stores millionaire, at his Wicklow home in the Irish Republic on Sunday has amounted to the biggest blow against Provo morale for many years.

And the near certainty that a police Special Task Force unit was lying in wait for the raiders because of a tip-off has incensed leaders of the movement. Top priority has been given to finding the informer.

There was speculation in Dublin, too, that police intelligence could have come from a Provisional who did not agree with an IRA plan to end a generally-observed, long-standing rule prohibiting kidnapping in the republic for non-political motives.

The incident on Sunday was thought to have highlighted the IRA's desperate need for funds. Special Branch police officers in Dublin are thought to have been anticipating an IRA fund-raising effort to buy arms for some time after reports that the IRA was running short of money. Security chiefs have now reviewed the protection tactics for leading business figures in Ireland.

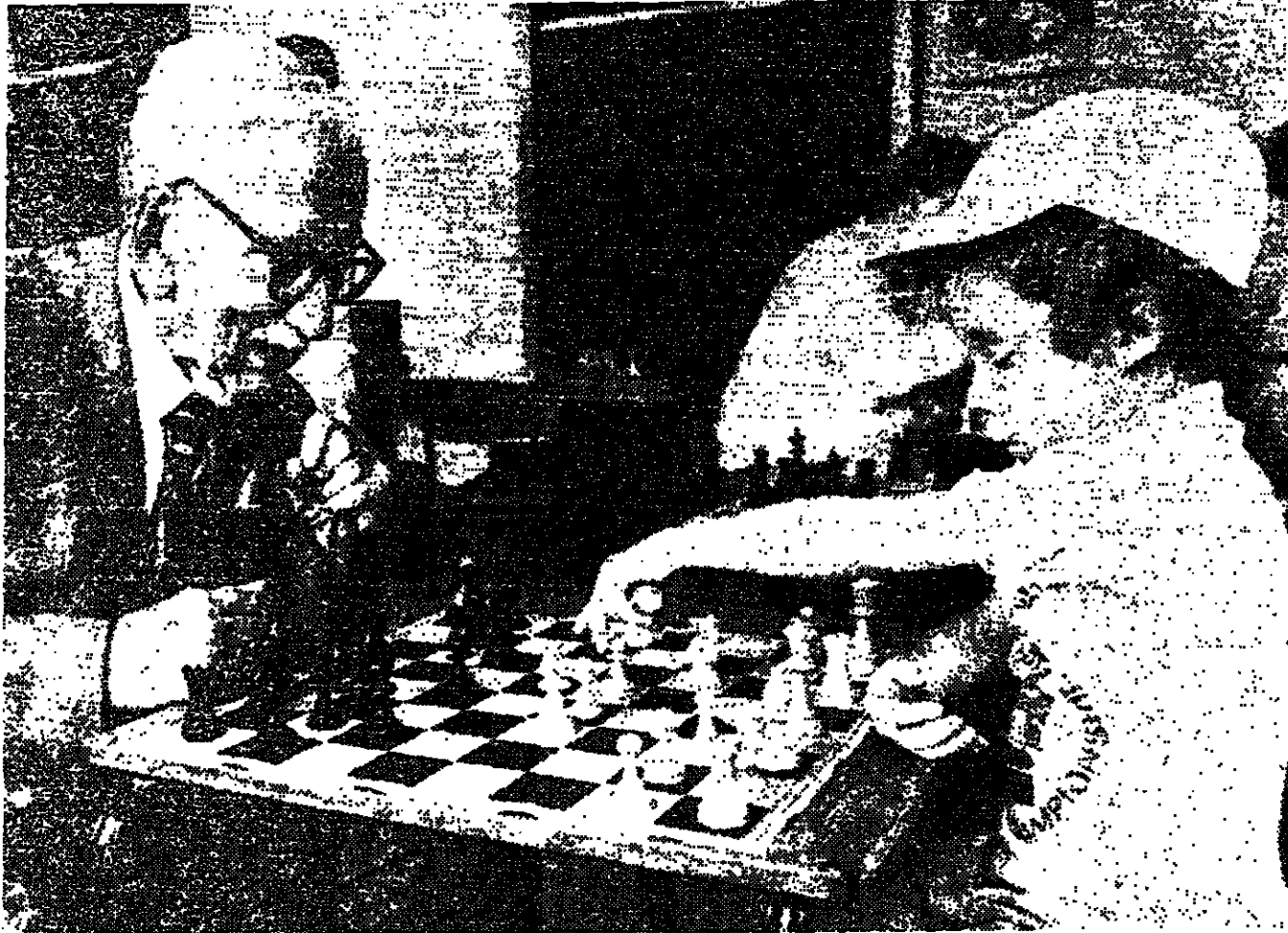
It was claimed that the police left a decoy car outside the house on Sunday, to lure the gang into their trap. An existing regular but discreet watch on the homes of potential targets will be intensified.

One reason for the IRA's current lack of money has been the sinking success of the Special Task Force in stemming big bank and payroll raids in the past few years.

Four men in Dublin hospitals with gunshot wounds were last night reported to be from Northern Ireland, although they had lived in Dublin for some years.

The hunt continued yesterday for two men involved in the incident on Sunday.

At the special criminal Court today Nicholas Keogh, aged 27, of Cabra, Dublin, was charged with having a firearm with intent to endanger life and of using a firearm to resist arrest at Roundwood Park, co. Wicklow.



Age versus youth: Before the start of the British Chess Championships in Southport, Merseyside, yesterday, Mr Dan Southcott, aged 93, the oldest player, practises against Sebastian Sinclair, aged six, the youngest.

War games begin in Reagan's back yard

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Big Pine II, the huge United States show-piece military exercise in central America, began officially yesterday amid all the poverty, the rolling green ridges, haciendas and sleepy villages of the poorest nation in the region.

Honduras, long dominated by the US and always chronically misgoverned, is the ultimate banana republic.

In May, President Roberto Suazo Cordova, ill from a recent heart attack but back working in the castle that serves as presidential palace in the fly-blown village of Tegucigalpa - the capital - told his US allies that Russian arms were pouring into Honduras, to the south.

Thus it was that Big Pine II - President Suazo chose the name - was authorized with the essential purpose of intimidating Nicaragua and its ally, Cuba. There are those in Washington who believe that plans for an imminent invasion of Honduras have been aborted because of the show of US muscle.

For 10 days in May, according to General Paul Gorman, commander of the Panama-based US Southern Command,

a sizable number of armoured vehicles, artillery pieces and about 100 field kitchens flowed into Nicaragua, mainly through the western port of Corinto.

That implied to the Hondurans and the Americans that Nicaragua's considerable military strength - the biggest in the region - was being endowed with instant mobility.

Simultaneously, according to reports emanating from the primitive border region, where malaria is endemic and the Indians are lucky to have a fourth birthday, Soviet tanks and artillery were positioned for a capability to stab into Honduras. The provincial south-western town of Choluteca looked a possible first victim.

The Americans had their initial experience of the incompetence and inexperience of the Honduran armed forces in February during 10 days of exercises code-named Big Pine I - or, more precisely, Ahuas Tara I, from the language of the Miskito Indians.

The Hondurans have no armour to speak of. There are 13 Scorpion armoured cars in Choluteca, no match for the T55 tanks the Nicaraguans use.

Before the Americans became more munificent in recent times, Honduras was armed solely with mortars, mere bombs and arrows against the 122mm Soviet Howitzers south of the border.

The Honduran armed forces total 17,000, with no effective reserve system. In Nicaragua, there are 25,000 regulars supported by a reserve or militia system encompassing at least 61,000 more.

After President Suazo cried "help" in May, the US military brought forward its plans for Big Pine II.

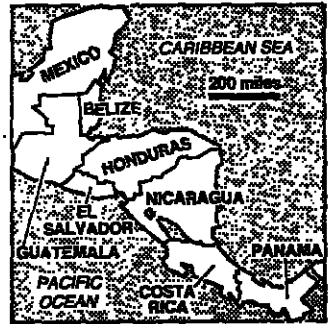
The White House was behind that decision. The Administration insists that they are not the largest - though it is close - manoeuvres carried out in Central or Latin America, but certainly they are the longest.

The exercises will last until February and involve 19 ships, 13,500 or more naval men and officers, up to 5,000 military personnel on the ground in Honduras and sizeable amounts of military hardware.

Having raised alarm bells about another Vietnam, President Reagan and his Central American team have been bombarding the newspaper columns and television screens in recent weeks with speeches and statements describing the military manoeuvres as a security screen.

Nicaragua was not going to be invaded, US troops would disengage from any act of aggression, there would be no quantitative of Nicaraguan ports - just an act of war. The sole aim, it has been said incessantly, is to create a status quo, an atmosphere of security, in order to make peace talks possible.

The arrival of the American advance team in Honduras yesterday officially signalled the beginning of that process. The men will operate in three main areas from north to south, but under orders not to go within sight of the Nicaraguan border.



SDP has no 'open door' for defectors

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for the present Parliament, there has been pressure from many local activists in both parties for an even closer relationship and some of them have called for an immediate merger.

Mr. Wigglesworth said yesterday that both parties should discuss the issue over a period before taking a decision. "My strong view is that we should not be rushed into it - nor should we be actively resisting it."

The two parties, meanwhile, have agreed to fight the European Assembly elections and all by-elections before the next general election as an Alliance. The two chief whips have established a speedy coordination process to be activated immediately a by-election is called. Usually when a vacancy occurs the seat would be fought by the party which contested it at the general election, but there may be some adjustments.

1,500 Libyans besiege Chad town, says US

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bombers which carried out daily raids on Faya-Largeau.

Major Abdul-Salam Mohamed Chadli, aged 40, said he had been on his own aircraft was brought down by a Sam7 missile on Friday and was captured by Government troops the following day.

He was presented to foreign reporters and members of the Diplomatic Corps in Ndjamena yesterday and said his squadron of SU22s was based on the Aouzou Strip, a territory which Libya annexed from Chad 10 years ago.

● WASHINGTON: The State Department yesterday described the situation in Faya-Largeau as serious and said that it was besieged by between 1,500 and 2,000 Libyan troops and Libyan-supported rebels (Mohsin Ali writes).

PARIS: M. Claude Cheysson, French Minister for External Relations, said yesterday that the latest American moves in the Chad crisis were "definitely not made after consultation with France". (Roger Beardwood writes).

Letter from Bethlehem Puddles and politics defile holy shrine

The Church of the Nativity on Bethlehem's Manger Square, originally built by the Emperor Constantine in AD 330 is widely reputed to be the most ancient Christian shrine still regularly used for worship. It is the centre of a complex, bitter and apparently intractable dispute between the three different denominations which claim rights to the sacred property. It is also probably the wealthiest and least well-maintained in the Holy Land.

It is no secret that the tens of thousands of pilgrims who flock to this Israeli-occupied Arab town every Christmas have to wade uncomfortably through deep puddles inside the church, and that many worshippers sit with rain dripping on their heads while winter winds whistle through the surrounding Judean hills.

Apart from the comfort of those drawn to the spot where tradition has it that Jesus was born, the future of a number of invaluable twelfth-century mosaics is also now at risk.

Although the problem is not a new one (a British survey conducted in 1935 during the Palestine mandate concluded that repairs to the structure of the church were "urgent"), it has recently reached crisis proportions, with engineering experts predicting that the whole future of the building is at stake if the three-month job to replace the rotten roof is not commenced soon - preferably before the next rainy season begins in November.

The Israeli Military Government for civil administration as it prefers to call itself these days, although it is headed by a military officer with the rank of brigadier general has emerged from the bizarre dispute with full credit as a fair-minded arbitrator. Its 290,000 offer to do the work was flatly turned down because of the intransigence of the Greek Orthodox Church, the denomination with by far the biggest stake in the shrine.

For centuries, the Greeks have disputed ownership of the site with the Catholics and the Armenians, with the peace - quite literally - only being maintained by strict adherence to an arcane code of conduct always referred to simply as the status quo, which was laid down in the eighteenth century: an attempt to breach this frustratingly imprecise set of rules later

emerged as one of the causes of the Crimean War.

Although the code covers virtually everything down to whose right it is to dust the star above the altar, it unfortunately says nothing about rights to repair the roof - which has never been in good shape since the seventeenth century when the lead, originally supplied in 1482 by the English king, Edward IV, was removed by the Turks to well-maintained in the Holy Land.

As things stand today, the Armenians and Catholics have decreed that the repair work (which all parties agree is vital) can be done by the Israelis without prejudice to any future ruling on rights inside the building. But the Greeks insist that they have the sole right to pay for and carry out the work, a demand which the other two denominations reject out of hand.

"Frankly, we are in a dilemma of the most delicate nature", an Israeli official explained doing his best to remain tactful. "We can hardly go in and effect repairs by force."

Apart from aesthetic considerations, the Israelis are also concerned that they continually receive the blame for the manifestations of grave neglect that are obvious to any visitor who enters the church after the onset of winter. They have tried repeatedly to get the three churches round the table, but so far these efforts have failed.

Recently the Greek Metropolitan Basilios insisted again that historically the shrine belonged to his denomination alone. "We have been there since the time of Constantine", he argued. "The others came centuries later."

A letter to the Israeli civil administration from Patriarch Diodoros I, the influential head of the Greek Orthodox Church in the Holy Land thanked the occupiers for offering to pay for the repairs, but insisted on the right of his own church to do so.

All subsequent efforts by Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs to persuade the Greek churchmen to see reason and accept the suggested compromise have failed. "The situation is intolerable", explained an official from the ministry. "I should not really say this, but the whole affair seems very unchristian."

Christopher Walker

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Today's events

Exhibitions in progress

Durham Coalfield photographic exhibition by John Davies. Side Gallery, 9 Side, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Tues to Fri 11 to 6. Sat & Sun 11 to 5. closed Sun; (until Aug 28).
Open Summer Show, Timesau, 2 Salisbury Road, Moseley, Birmingham. Mon to Sat 10 to 4, closed Sun; (until Aug 28).

Presence of Nature: Words and Images of the Lake District

Glyn Vivian Art Gallery and Museum, Alexandra Road, Swansea: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5.30, closed Sun; (until Aug 27).
The High Street: photographs by Al Vandenberg. Museum and Art Gallery, Stafford: Tues to Friday 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 4, closed Sun; (until Aug 27).

Celtic Art, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford: Tues to

Sat 10 to 4, Sun 2 to 4; (until Oct 4).

White Elephants and Shrunken Heads, Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street, Exeter: Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun & Mon; (until Aug 27).
Lawrence Gowing Retrospective Exhibition, Museum and Art Gallery, Plymouth: Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun; (until Aug 27).

Hovercraft: Story of the growth of the industry, Colchester Castle: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5; (until Aug 21).

Exhibition of children's art organized by The Royal Society of Painterly Handicapped Children, Valley Gardens, Harrogate: 10 to 5 (daily until Sat).

The Thistle of Scotland, City Museum and Art Gallery, Kelvingrove, Glasgow: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (until Sept 26).

Great American Prints - Whistler to Warhol, Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester University, Whitworth Park, Manchester: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 9, closed Sunday; (until Sept 10).

Japanese Theatre Arts, Herbert Art Gallery, Jordan Wall, Coventry: Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2 to 5; (until Sept 4).

Paintings by Sir Sidney Nolan, Grosvenor Museum, Chester: Mon to Sat 10.30 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (until Sept 18).

Indian Drawings, Museum and Art Gallery, Bala: Mon to Sat 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, closed Wed and Sun; (until Aug 20).

Restrictions for members in these clubs (5).

Heavyweight to fight heavy-weight in South-East (19).

Source of oil, as it happens (5).

Vehicle it's illegal to leave in the street (6).

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Solution of Puzzle No 16,202

ACROSS

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TV top ten

Top television programmes in the week ending July 31:

- 1 Coronation Street (Mon Granada, 12.20m)
- 2 Coronation Street (Wed Granada, 12.00m)
- 3 Crossroads (Wed Central, 8.80m)
- 4 Crossroads (Thurs Central, 9.55m)
- 5 The Onion (Fri, 7.50m)
- 6 The Onion (Sat, 7.50m)
- 7 The Onion (Sun, 7.50m)
- 8 The Onion (Mon, 7.50m)
- 9 The Onion (Tue, 7.50m)
- 10 The Onion (Wed, 7.50m)

Channel 4

- 1 The Paul Daniels Magic Show, 5.50m
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Roads

London and the South-east: M4: Eastbound lane closures at Heston (junctions 3 to 2), and westbound lane closures W of Heathrow (junctions 4 to 5). M3: Closed southbound S of junction 7 to the end of motorway at A33 (Poplarn); closed Fri 5.30 to 8.30. For eastbound traffic at junction 7, take the slip road at junction 7 (Sundbury) from 9.30.

Wales and West: A470/A489: Temporary lights on Machynlleth to Malpas road at Cemaes Road. M4: Lane closures at junction 32 (Cardiff). A5: Temporary lights on Holyhead to Bangor road at Llanfair.

Midlands and East Angles: A49: Road closed at Skew Bridge, Woodford, Salop; diversion. Extra traffic into Skopness each evening, using A158 and A52, because of illuminations. A452: Road closed at Fildes Lane, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

North: M1: Contraflow between junctions 30 and 31 near Sheffield; restricted access to motorway at times. M6: Lane closures at: Southwood Bridge, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

Scotland: A85: Lane closures W of Inverurie, Perthshire.

The papers

The Washington Post said yesterday that to accept that Colonel Gaddafi is a menace is not to agree that the US should be leading the fight against him. France has been slow to act on what many Africans accept as the traditional French responsibility in Chad, but that country is "not familiar, let alone vital, American turf", the paper added.

"No one outside Ireland carries more blame for the killings there than the Irish-American community which finances the violence from the safety of its bars in New York", says the Daily Mirror. Praise for the "courage and daring of the IRA" is an abuse of the language, the paper says.

The Daily Express also criticizes the attitude of the American supporters of the IRA. "Now that they have seen how the IRA, with American help, is provoking bloodshed and mayhem in the province, with Noraid drop support? No, because they did not come to Ireland to find out the